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THE VISCOSITY OF FAYALITE MELT AT HIGH  
PRESSURE AND THE EVOLUTION OF THE  
ICELAND MANTLE PLUME

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# Abstract

## Part 1

The viscosity of silicate melts is a fundamental physical property that determines the mobility and transport behaviour of magma on the surface and in planetary interiors. The viscosity of liquid fayalite ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ), the Fe-rich end-member of the abundant upper mantle mineral olivine, was determined up to 9.2 GPa and 1850 °C using *in situ* falling sphere viscometry and X-ray radiography imaging. The viscosity of liquid fayalite was found to decrease with pressure both along the melting curve and an isotherm, with temperature having very little influence on viscosity at high pressure. This work is the first to determine the viscosity of a highly depolymerized silicate melt at high pressure as only recent advances in experimental techniques have allowed the difficulties associated with studying depolymerized liquids at high pressure to be overcome. The results are in contrast with previous studies on moderately depolymerized silicate melts such as diopside and peridotite which found viscosity to initially increase with pressure. In accordance with recent *in situ* structural measurements on liquid fayalite, the viscosity decrease is likely a result of the increase in Fe-O coordination with pressure. The results show that the behaviour of silicate melts at depth is strongly dependent on the melt structure and composition.

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## Part 2

The magnitude of the thermal anomaly at hotspot locations has a fundamental influence on the dynamics of mantle melting and therefore has an important role in shaping the surface of our planet. The North Atlantic Igneous Province (NAIP) is the surface expression of a major mantle plume and is unique in the fact that it has a complete magmatic history. The highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  volcanic rocks on Earth are found in the early NAIP picrites of West Greenland and Baffin Island and high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  rocks are still erupted on Iceland today. However, the relationship between  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and mantle plumes has remained enigmatic. The main aim of this work is to use the ideal opportunity provided by the NAIP to investigate the relationship between temperature, mantle melting dynamics and helium isotopes within a mantle plume.

The magmatic temperatures of a suite of picrites and primitive basalts spanning the spatial and temporal range of the NAIP was determined using traditional olivine-melt thermometry, a forward mantle melting model and the newly developed Al-in-olivine thermometer. This study is the first to provide a detailed petrologic approach to investigating the mantle temperature of the NAIP throughout its magmatic history and is the first to compare all three techniques in detail. The Al-in-olivine thermometer was found to be the most robust proxy for mantle temperature. The early stage of volcanic activity in the NAIP is associated with the arrival of the ancestral Iceland plume head and resulted in a uniform temperature anomaly with Al-in-olivine temperatures 250-300°C above that of ambient MORB across an area 2000 km in diameter. In addition, the temperature of the plume is shown to have been subject to large temperature fluctuations on a timescale of  $10^7$  years and is currently increasing, which has had profound effects on the melting dynamics and bathymetry of the North Atlantic region.

Using existing and new  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  measurements, no clear relationship between  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and temperature is observable. However, it is noted that the maximum  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of primitive basalts from the NAIP has decreased through time. These relationships are explicable if the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir is located in either the core or the core-mantle boundary (CMB), from which helium diffuses into the lower mantle. The high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature is incorporated into a plume when it breaks away from the base of the mantle and over the lifetime of the plume, the



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$^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  source is gradually depleted. The temperature of the plume can vary independently in responses to heat flow at the CMB, which is in turn related to changes in mantle convection. Global plate tectonics and mantle processes are therefore intricately linked with melting dynamics at hotspot locations.

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## Part I

# The viscosity of liquid fayalite at high pressure



# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 The viscosity of silicate melts

Viscosity is a very important physical property of silicate melts. On the Earth's surface, it dictates the style of volcanic eruptions. Low viscosity magma produces effusive eruptions while viscous magmas (particularly in combination with volatiles) result in explosive eruptions that can have a devastating impact on human activity. Beneath the surface, the viscosity of silicate melts is a key parameter because it controls the transport properties of magma in the mantle.

The rocky inner planets were formed by gradual accretion of the fine material comprising the protoplanetary disk orbiting our sun at the beginning of the Solar System (Chambers, 2004). It is widely accepted that the gravitational and kinetic energy gained as a result of accretion was enough for extensive melting of planetary mantles to occur. These molten outer layers are known as magma oceans. Current models estimate that the base of Earth's magma ocean was around 700-1200 km, or 25-40 GPa (Fiquet et al., 2008). The magma oceans played a key role in the formation of the rocky planets. On Earth for example, the segregation of siderophile elements from the silicate mantle into the metallic core likely occurred in the magma ocean (Ringwood, 1966; Davies, 1985). Viscosity would have been a critical variable influencing the dynamics and processes occurring in terrestrial magma oceans. It is thought that the silicate mantle solidified via the crystallization and settling of minerals from the liquid. Crystal settling (Solomatov and Stevenson, 1993) and other processes such as cumulate overturn (Elkins-Tanton et al., 2003) are more efficient in a lower viscosity liquid. Convection has a strong dependency on viscosity, and so the viscosity of silicate melts would have been an important control on convection dynamics in the magma oceans and hence, the thermal evolution of the planets (Ghosh and Karki, 2011). Viscosity has a crucial control on the diffusion of chemical elements within magma and would have

influenced chemical reactions between silicates and core-forming metallic liquids at the base of the magma ocean (Ghosh and Karki, 2011). Thus, determining the viscosity of silicate liquids at depth is integral to our understanding of the formation of the rocky planets.

Viscosity is a complex function of melt composition, structure and temperature. However, despite its importance, the viscosity of silicate melts is still poorly constrained over the mantle pressure-temperature regime due to experimental difficulties associated with obtaining the high temperatures and pressures necessary to melt and analyse silicate minerals under mantle conditions. Previous experimental studies have been restricted to relatively low pressures (typically  $<5$  GPa, equivalent to a depth of 180 km in the Earth, with very few studies reaching higher pressures, and none above 13 GPa) and polymerized liquids that have high viscosities. Only a handful of studies have attempted to measure the viscosity of more depolymerized silicate liquids with compositions relevant to those that would have been present in the magma oceans of the terrestrial planets e.g. peridotite (Liebske et al., 2005) and diopside (Reid et al., 2003). Many studies (Kushiro, 1976; Kushiro et al., 1976; Kushiro, 1977; Suzuki et al., 2002, 2005, 2011) have found that the viscosity of silicate melts initially decreases with increasing pressure. This has often been attributed to a structural change in the liquid at high pressure and was first suggested by Waff (1975). However, the lack of *in situ* structural data on silicate melts has meant that the matter has remained an issue of contention in the literature.

The work presented in this chapter investigates the viscosity of fayalite melt at pressures up to 9 GPa. Fayalite ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ) is the iron-rich end member of the abundant upper mantle mineral olivine ( $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$ ), and is composed of isolated silica tetrahedra linked by  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in six-fold coordination, and so is as depolymerized as possible for a silicate melt. This work represents the first study to determine the viscosity of such a depolymerized melt, as their extremely low viscosities present significant experimental challenges that have only recently been overcome with new experimental techniques utilizing ultrafast X-ray imaging. This work is also significant as it is one of the first studies to present viscosity data for a melt for which the structure at high pressure has been determined *in situ* and will allow the relationship between the melt structure and viscosity at high pressure to be investigated.

The work presented in this chapter has been successfully published in the peer reviewed journal *Geochimica et Cosmochimica Acta* (Spice et al., 2015).

## 1.2 Background and previous work

A summary of previous experimental studies on the viscosity of silicate melts is shown in Figure 1.1. The degree of polymerization in crystalline silicates is often expressed by the ratio of non-bridging oxygens to tetrahedrally coordinated cations (NBO/T). As indicated in Figure 1.1, the degree of polymerization in the silicate strongly influences the viscosity of the melt. The most polymerized silicates (e.g. albite and jadeite) have liquid viscosities at least several orders of magnitude higher than the more depolymerized silicates (e.g. diopside and peridotite).

Early studies focussed on highly polymerized melts with NBO/T=0. Kushiro (1976) was the first to measure the viscosity of a silicate liquid at pressures above 1 GPa, in which the viscosity of jadeite ( $\text{NaAlSi}_2\text{O}_6$ ) melt was determined using the falling sphere method in a piston cylinder apparatus. At constant temperature, the viscosity was found to decrease by more than a factor of 10 between ambient pressure and 2.4 GPa. In a similar study, Kushiro et al. (1976) found the viscosities of both andesite and basalt melt to decrease with increasing pressure along their respective liquidii. Kushiro hypothesised that the viscosity decrease must result from a change in the melt structures at high pressure, and argued that the findings supported the theory of Waff (1975), who had suggested that the  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  cation in a silicate melt will transform from four to six-fold coordination by oxygen at high pressures, similar to the transformation in crystalline silicates. Waff (1975) predicted that this would result in a decrease in viscosity of the melt. Aluminium is a network former in aluminosilicates, therefore structural transformations disrupt the structural network, resulting in the melt becoming more depolymerized, and hence, less viscous.

In order to investigate the role of Al in silicate liquid viscosity, Kushiro (1976) measured the viscosity of a melt with a composition of  $\text{Na}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_7$ , similar to jadeite, but without Al. The viscosity was found to decrease by a factor of 3

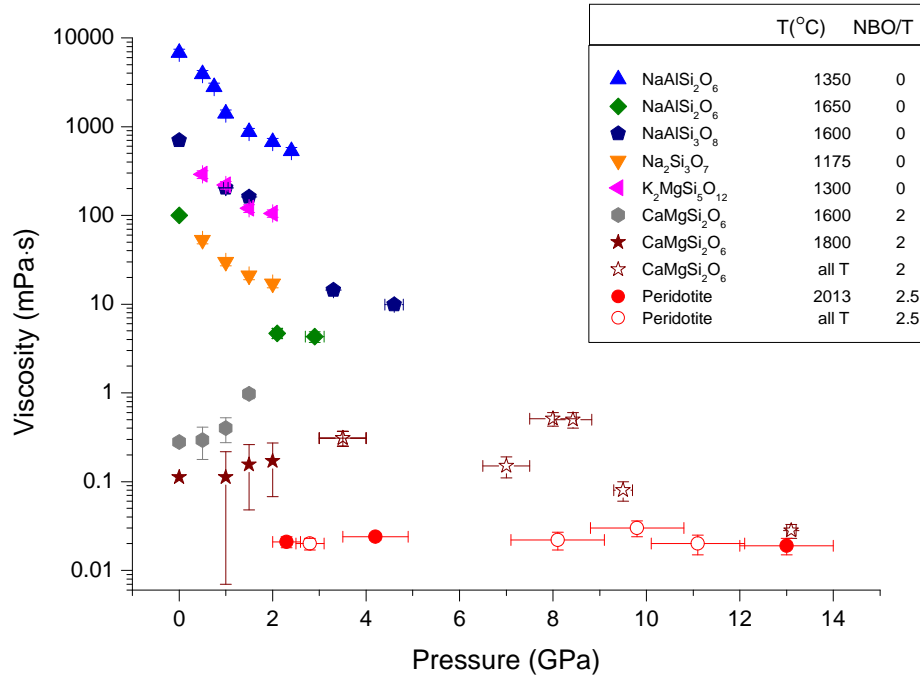


Figure 1.1: A summary of experimental studies on the viscosity of silicate melts at high pressure. The NBO/T (at ambient pressure) and temperature is also given for each composition. Blue triangles: jadeite at 1350 °C (Kushiro, 1976); green diamonds: jadeite at 1650 °C (Suzuki et al., 2011); navy pentagons: albite at 1600 °C, first 3 points from Brearley et al. (1986), points at 3.3 and 4.6 GPa from Suzuki et al. (2002); orange triangles: Na<sub>2</sub>Si<sub>3</sub>O<sub>7</sub> at 1175 °C (Kushiro, 1976); magenta triangles: K<sub>2</sub>MgSi<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub> at 1300 °C (Kushiro, 1977); grey hexagons: diopside at 1600 °C (Brearley et al., 1986); stars: diopside at 1800 °C (Taniguchi, 1992), highest pressure point from Reid et al. (2003) at 1730 ± 100 °C; red circles: peridotite at 2013 °C (Liebske et al., 2005).

between atmospheric pressure and 2 GPa, whereas, the viscosity of jadeite melt decreased by a factor of 10 over the same pressure range. Kushiro (1977) then measured the viscosity of K<sub>2</sub>MgSi<sub>5</sub>O<sub>12</sub> melt and found it to decrease by a factor of 3 between 0.5 GPa and 2 GPa. Kushiro suggested that this could be a result of the K<sup>+</sup>, Mg<sup>2+</sup> or Si<sup>4+</sup> cations undergoing coordination changes. On the basis of these results, it is possible that Al plays a dominant role in the large viscosity decrease of jadeite, however, it is not the only constituent or factor that may influence the melt structure, and hence, the viscosity at depth.

Several studies have since focussed on more depolymerized melts. Brearley et al. (1986) and Taniguchi (1992) measured the viscosity of liquid diopside (CaMgSi<sub>2</sub>O<sub>6</sub>,

NBO/T=2), which at the time was the most depolymerized silicate liquid to have been studied. Both studies found the viscosity of diopside melt to increase with pressure, however, the highest pressure reached in the experiments was 2 GPa. As a result, it has often been assumed that other depolymerized silicate melts will behave in the same way, and that they will not display the same ‘anomalous’ viscosity decrease at depth that is observed in some polymerized silicate melts. However, later work has revealed a more complex behaviour in depolymerized melts at higher pressures. Studies of diopside (Reid et al., 2003) and peridotite (Liebske et al., 2005) found the viscosity of the melts to initially increase with pressure, but decrease above  $\sim 9$ -10 GPa. A recent theoretical study simulating the behaviour of liquid  $\text{MgSiO}_3$  at depth found a viscosity decrease similar to that reported in polymerized melts, with the viscosity reaching a minimum value near 5 GPa, and then increasing further upon compression (Karki and Stixrude, 2010) due to the reduction in free volume of the liquid. The results from these studies suggest that it is not appropriate to make assumptions about the behaviour of a silicate melt at depth based on the properties of other melts. As will be demonstrated later in the chapter, the viscosity of melts at depth must be considered on an individual basis and is strongly dependent on the melt structure and composition.

## 2 Methods

The best method for determining the viscosity of liquid silicates at high pressure is the *in situ* falling sphere viscometry technique using X-ray radiography (e.g. Reid et al., 2003; Liebske et al., 2005; Kono et al., 2013). The method uses a sphere of greater density than the sample, which falls through the sample upon melting. Using high energy synchrotron X-ray radiation, the fall of the sphere is imaged as it passes through the liquid. From this, a distance/time curve of the sphere’s descent is produced, from which the velocity, and hence viscosity, can be calculated.

### 2.1 Sample choice

Olivine is estimated to be the most abundant mineral in the upper mantle (~56% according to the pyrolite model (Ringwood, 1975)) and its melt viscosity at high pressures is therefore highly relevant to the magma ocean theory. It exhibits continuous solid solution between its two end members: forsterite ( $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ) and fayalite ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ). Mantle olivine shows little compositional variability, with nearly all ranging from Fo<sub>89</sub> to Fo<sub>94</sub> (Deer et al., 1997). However, the melting temperature of forsterite (1890°C at ambient pressure) is too high to be within the capabilities of the experimental equipment, therefore the Fe-rich end-member fayalite, which has a much lower melting temperature (1205°C at ambient pressure), was chosen instead.

Natural fayalite purchased from Alfa Aesar was used in the experiments. Table 2.1 shows the average composition of the quenched fayalite melt as obtained by electron microprobe analysis (EPMA). The analyses were performed on a CAMECA SX100 electron microprobe with a 15 kV accelerating voltage and a 1  $\mu\text{m}$  beam, with a current of 30 nA. The sample contains approximately 3.5 wt%

MnO, 0.6 wt% MgO, and trace amounts of CaO.

Table 2.1: Mean composition from 9 analyses on quenched fayalite melt as obtained by EPMA. Data is given in oxide wt% along with the standard deviation ( $\delta$ ).

oxide	wt %	$\delta$
SiO <sub>2</sub>	29.82	0.81
FeO	65.52	0.98
MgO	0.61	0.18
CaO	0.031	0.026
MnO	3.47	0.55

## 2.2 High $P$ - $T$ techniques

### 2.2.1 The Paris-Edinburgh Press

High pressure ( $P$ ) and temperature ( $T$ ) experiments were conducted with a VX-3 Paris-Edinburgh (PE) press (Figure 2.1). The PE press can compress a large sample volume of 100 mm<sup>3</sup> up to 10 GPa. The VX model has been specifically designed for X-ray studies and has only two support pillars, helping to avoid unwanted scattering of the beam by the sample. Cup-shaped tungsten carbide alloy anvils designed by Yamada et al. (2011) were used to generate high pressures using a double-stage hydraulic pump. The cup diameter was 12 mm, with a bottom diameter of 3 mm, as shown in Figure 2.1.

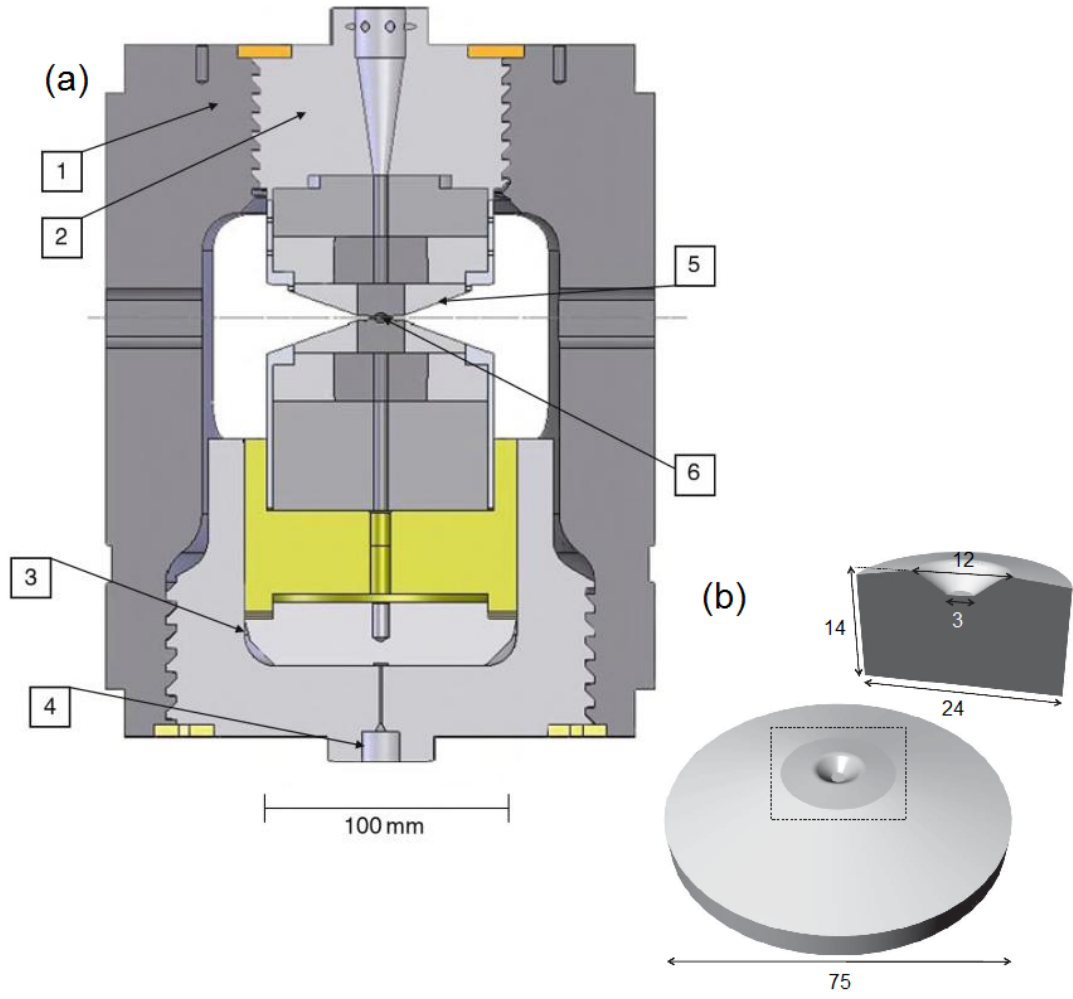


Figure 2.1: (a) Schematic diagram of the Paris-Edinburgh press VX-3 model (McMahon, 2012). (1) Hardened steel main frame; (2) breech; (3) piston; (4) hydraulic fluid inlet; (5) tungsten carbide anvils; (6) sample chamber. (b) Tungsten-carbide anvil used during the experiments (Yamada et al., 2011), dimensions are given in mm.

The sample was placed in a cell assembly between the two anvils. The cell assembly (Figure 2.2) was designed by Sakamaki et al. (2012) to allow X-rays a large vertical access to the sample while limiting the extrusion of cell materials, even at high  $P$ - $T$  conditions. The outer pressure media consisted of  $\text{ZrO}_2$  caps and a ring-shaped boron epoxy gasket (boron:epoxy = 4:1 by weight) with an outer supporting polycarbonate plastic (Lexan) ring. The gasket and zirconia caps provide good thermal insulation for high- $T$  experiments. An MgO ring 6 mm in diameter is placed between the gasket and a graphite heater to increase



stability of the cell and maintain the anvil gap. The graphite capsule was inserted into an MgO sleeve with MgO caps + a small layer of packed pyrex powder above and below the capsule. This prevented the oxidation of iron and the consequential decomposition of fayalite at high- $T$ . Ta rods and a thin disc of Mo foil were inserted inside the zirconia caps above and below the graphite heater to ensure electrical conductivity. Maximum transparency for X-rays is achieved by the use of low density materials such as boron epoxy and graphite.

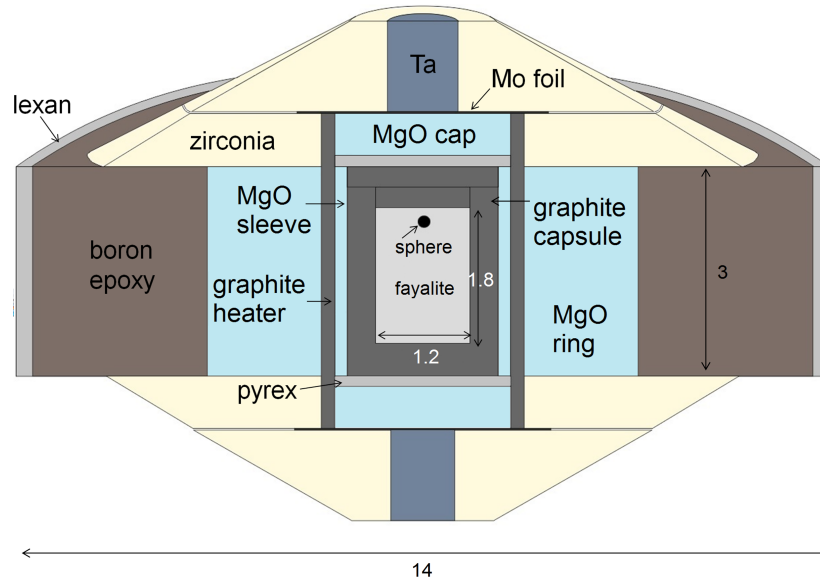


Figure 2.2: Schematic cross section of the cell assembly; adapted from Sakamaki et al. (2012). Dimensions are given in mm.

The cell assembly enabled a sample volume up to 1.8 mm high and 1.2 mm in diameter to be measured, however the X-ray window is limited by the anvil gap at high pressures. For example, the typical anvil gap is approximately 0.7 mm at 7 GPa and 1700 °C (Kono et al., 2014).

### 2.2.2 Synchrotron X-ray source

The Advanced Photon Source (APS) at the Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois, USA is an example of a third generation synchrotron radiation facility, illustrated in Figure 2.3. Electrons are accelerated by high-voltage alternating electric fields

in a linear accelerator (LINAC) and booster ring until they are travelling at around 99.99% of the speed of light. Bending and focussing magnets are used to maintain the orbital path of the electrons. The electrons are then injected into the 1.1 km circumference storage ring where powerful electromagnets force the electrons to follow a curved trajectory. Synchrotron radiation (at the APS, X-ray radiation) is emitted tangentially to the electron path. Intense focussed beams of high energy X-rays are produced at the experimental beamlines by X-ray optics.

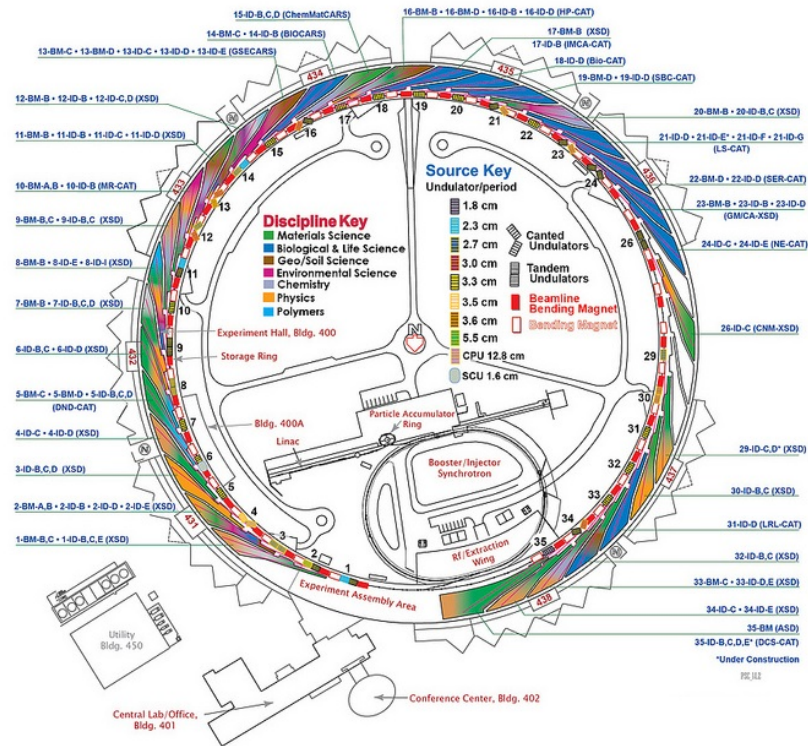


Figure 2.3: The APS at the Argonne National Laboratory, Illinois, USA (<http://www.aps.anl.gov/>).

### 2.2.3 Beamline set-up at 16-BM-B

The experiments were carried out at the HPCAT (high-pressure collaborative access team) 16-BM-B beamline at the APS. 16-BM-B is a bending magnet beamline providing white X-rays (5-120 keV) with high brightness (Sakamaki et al.,

2012). Figure 2.4 shows the experimental set-up at 16-BM-B. The beamline is capable of white beam X-ray diffraction and radiography experiments using the VX-3 PE press. X-rays scattered by a sample are collimated with a 0.1 mm gap collimator 80 mm downstream of the sample and a 0.1 mm receiving slit 400 mm further down upon arrival at the detector. The scattered X-rays are detected using a Ge solid state detector (Ge-SSD) mounted on a large Huber rotating stage allowing precise control of the  $2\theta$  angle from  $2^\circ$  to  $39.5^\circ$  (Kono et al., 2014). To photograph and measure the sample or sphere dimensions, a charged coupled device (CCD) camera was used. To avoid interference with X-ray diffraction measurements, the camera can be moved vertically in and out of the beam. A high-speed video camera (Photron FASTCAM SA3) is located at the downstream side of the Ge-SSD. The camera has a high frame rate capable of  $>1000$  frames per second (fps) and is therefore highly useful for experiments where the sample viscosity is very low.

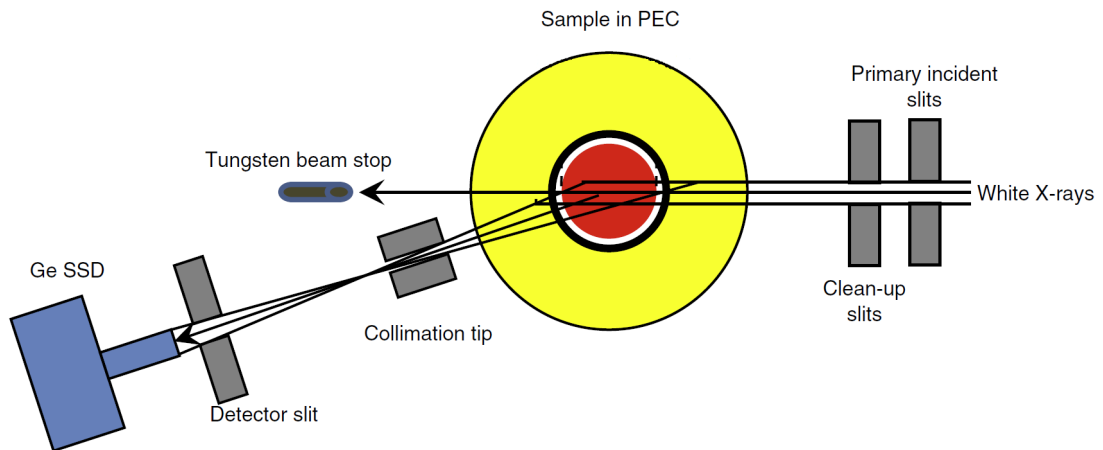


Figure 2.4: A schematic diagram of the X-ray diffraction set-up at HPCAT 16-BM-B beamline (Kono et al., 2014).

#### 2.2.4 Pressure determination

The MgO ring in the cell assembly is used as a pressure standard using the equation of state and calibration reported by Kono et al. (2010). X-ray diffraction measurements were collected for the MgO ring, and the pressure was determined

from the Bragg diffraction peak positions, which are a function of lattice plane spacing ( $d$ ) and unit cell volume given by:

$$2d\sin\theta = n\lambda \quad (2.1)$$

where  $\theta$  is the scattering angle. The unit cell volume decreases with increasing pressure, but increases with increasing temperature. The calibration determined by Kono et al. (2010) takes into account these competing effects, therefore it is important to precisely determine the temperature when measuring pressure. The temperature of the sample in the PE press cell assembly was determined from the calibration measurements reported by Kono et al. (2014) using a W5%Re-W26%Re thermocouple. The uncertainty in the pressure determination is estimated to be around  $\pm 0.2$  GPa. However, a pressure gradient exists between the 1.2 mm distance between the centre of the sample and the outer edge of the MgO ring. Further measurements by Kono et al. (2014) found that a linear relationship in pressure difference is observed above 1000 °C. This can be expressed by  $P_{sample} - P_{ring} = 7.7 - T \times 8.3 \times 10^{-4}$  where  $T$  is the temperature in °C and is accounted for in the quoted pressure values. Within the sample capsule itself, the pressure gradient was found to be negligible (Kono et al., 2014).

## 2.3 Viscosity experiments

Falling sphere viscometry experiments were carried out on the HPCAT 16-BM-B beamline. Powdered fayalite was packed inside the graphite capsule and a rhenium sphere was placed on top of the sample. Rhenium was chosen due to its high density contrast with silicate melts, and because there was no reaction with the sample under reducing conditions. It was important to pack a thin layer of fayalite powder above the sphere to prevent it making contact with the graphite cap as this inhibits the fall. In some of the experiments, a second rhenium sphere was placed in the middle of the sample to indicate the commencement of melting as it was not possible to view the top sphere at high pressure due to the reduced anvil gap. Once the cell was loaded into the PE press, images of the capsule were taken using the high resolution CCD camera (Prosilica GC1380, resolution:  $0.954 \mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ ) to check the positioning of the sphere and to measure its radius.

The pressure was then raised at room temperature using a double-stage hydraulic pump. Temperature was then raised slowly by electrical heating to approximately 100 °C below the liquidus. At this point, pressure was determined by collecting X-ray diffraction data on the MgO ring. After calculating the pressure, the sample was rapidly heated to a super-liquidus set-point temperature, typically 50–100 °C above the melting point..

Upon melting, the rhenium sphere descended through the sample. The viscosity of liquid fayalite is extremely low, resulting in very fast falling times of the sphere (often <250 ms), therefore a high-speed video camera (Photron FASTCAM SA3, resolution:  $5.92 \pm 0.01 \mu\text{m}/\text{pixel}$ ) was used to collect images of the falling spheres at a rate of 250 fps. The large density difference, and hence X-ray absorption coefficients between the rhenium sphere and the sample, allows for clear X-ray radiography imaging of the sphere’s descent through the capsule. The imaged descent path of the sphere was used to calculate a distance/time plot using the Tracker plug-in in Java-based image processing software, ImageJ.

The velocity of the sphere is calculated from the distance/time plot. The viscosity  $\eta$  of the liquid is then calculated using Stokes’ law:

$$\eta = \frac{2gr_s^2(\rho_s - \rho_l)W}{9vE} \quad (2.2)$$

where  $r_s$  is the radius of the sphere,  $\rho_s$  and  $\rho_l$  are the densities of the sphere and the liquid, respectively, at a given pressure and temperature, and  $g=9.803 \text{ ms}^{-2}$  is the acceleration due to gravity.  $W$  and  $E$  are correction factors that account for the wall and end-effects of a finite cylindrical container (Faxén, 1922) of radius  $r_c$  and height  $h_c$  given by:

$$W = 1 - 2.104 \left( \frac{r_s}{r_c} \right) + 2.09 \left( \frac{r_s}{r_c} \right)^3 - 0.95 \left( \frac{r_s}{r_c} \right)^5 \quad (2.3)$$

$$E = 1 + 3.3 \left( \frac{r_s}{h_c} \right) \quad (2.4)$$

$r_s$  of the rhenium spheres, as determined from X-ray shadowgraph images using

the high resolution CCD camera, ranged between 54-93  $\mu\text{m}$ , where the largest uncertainty was  $\pm 2 \mu\text{m}$ .

### 2.3.1 Density determination at high- $P$ - $T$

In order to calculate the viscosity of the liquid using Stokes' Law, the density of both the sphere and the liquid must be known. The density of rhenium is a function of pressure can be calculated using a third-order Birch-Murnaghan equation of state (Birch, 1952):

$$P = \frac{3}{2} \cdot K_T^0 \cdot \left\{ \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{7}{3}} - \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{5}{3}} \right\} \cdot \left\{ 1 - \frac{3}{4} \cdot (4 - K_T') \cdot \left( \left( \frac{\rho}{\rho_0} \right)^{\frac{2}{3}} - 1 \right) \right\} \quad (2.5)$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the density of the material at atmospheric pressure,  $K_T^0$  is the isothermal bulk modulus at atmospheric pressure, and  $K_T'$  is the first pressure derivative of the isothermal bulk modulus. Values of 372 GPa and 4.05 were used for  $K_T^0$  and  $K_T'$  respectively, using data from Vohra et al. (1987), and rhenium has a density of 21.0  $\text{gcm}^{-3}$  at atmospheric pressure and room temperature (Bauccio, 1993). Thermal expansion of rhenium was accounted for using the equation:

$$\rho = \frac{\rho_0}{1 + \alpha \cdot \Delta T} \quad (2.6)$$

where  $\rho_0$  is the density at a fixed pressure,  $\alpha$  is the volumetric thermal expansion coefficient of the material ( $19.89 \times 10^{-6} \text{ K}^{-1}$  (Ho and Taylor, 1998)), and  $\Delta T$  is the change in temperature.

The density of liquid fayalite at high pressure was taken from Sanloup et al. (2013a) who determined the density of liquid fayalite at 1627°C up to 7.5 GPa (Figure 2.5). For experimental runs not carried out at 1627°C, thermal expansion was accounted for using a thermal expansion coefficient of  $4.8 \times 10^{-5} \text{ K}^{-1}$  (Agee, 1992).

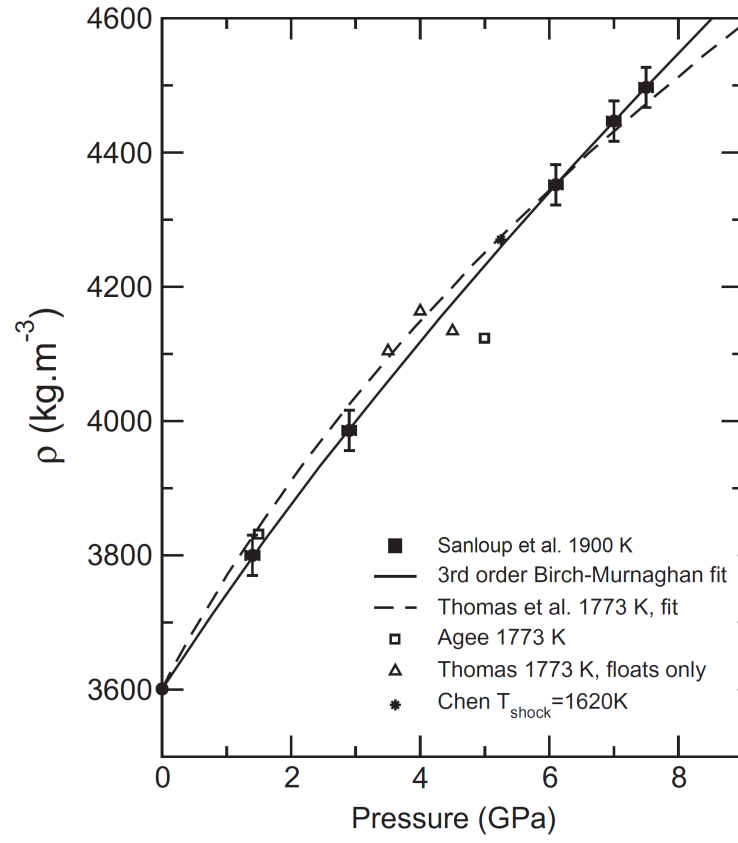


Figure 2.5: A summary of studies that have determined the density of fayalite melt at high-pressure and temperature (Sanloup et al., 2013a).

## 3 Results

### 3.1 Viscosity results

The experimental conditions, sphere diameter ( $d_s$ ), terminal velocity and viscosity results are summarised in Table 3.1. A complete list of each parameter and associated uncertainties used in the viscosity calculation are presented in Appendix A.

Table 3.1: Experimental run conditions, results and uncertainties

<i>Run</i>	$P$ GPa	$T$ °C	$d_s$ $\mu\text{m}$	$v_s$ $\text{mm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$	$\eta$ $\text{mPa}\cdot\text{s}$
A5	$2.0 \pm 0.5$	$1350 \pm 70$	$173 \pm 2$	$3.7 \pm 0.1$	$52.1 \pm 2.8$
A10	$3.6 \pm 0.5$	$1550 \pm 80$	$171 \pm 2$	$5.1 \pm 0.2$	$38.3 \pm 3.7$
A12	$6.3 \pm 0.5$	$1600 \pm 80$	$185 \pm 2$	$6.4 \pm 0.2$	$34.7 \pm 2.7$
A8	$9.2 \pm 0.6$	$1850 \pm 95$	$185 \pm 2$	$7.2 \pm 0.1$	$31.3 \pm 2.7$
B17	$1.3 \pm 0.5$	$1580 \pm 80$	$183 \pm 2$	$4.0 \pm 0.2$	$51.9 \pm 4.0$
B14	$2.8 \pm 0.5$	$1570 \pm 80$	$155 \pm 2$	$4.0 \pm 0.2$	$42.0 \pm 3.7$
B11	$3.8 \pm 0.5$	$1600 \pm 80$	$133 \pm 2$	$3.2 \pm 0.1$	$41.0 \pm 2.8$
B7	$4.3 \pm 0.5$	$1640 \pm 80$	$108 \pm 2$	$2.3 \pm 0.1$	$41.0 \pm 3.6$
B13	$5.1 \pm 0.5$	$1650 \pm 85$	$173 \pm 2$	$5.3 \pm 0.2$	$37.6 \pm 2.3$

Prior to the experiments, the sample dimensions were 1.2 mm by 1.8 mm. Runs A5 and A8 were carried out at 2.0 and 9.1 GPa respectively, and the dimensions of the recovered samples were 1.2 mm (width) by 1.6 mm (height) for both samples. These dimensions were therefore used to calculate the wall and end correction parameters for every run. The experiments in Run A were made along the fayalite liquidus. In order to investigate the viscosity pressure dependence, independently of changes in temperature, the experiments in Run B were made as a function of pressure along the 1600 °C isotherm. An example of the calculated distance/time



plot and the X-ray shadowgraph images of the fall of the rhenium sphere from experiment B13 are shown in Figure 3.1. A linear straight line fit to the data indicates that the sphere had reached its terminal velocity prior to reaching the bottom of the capsule, following an initial acceleration. Since the velocity of the falling sphere is constant, it can be assumed that the temperature gradient within the sample capsule is negligible.

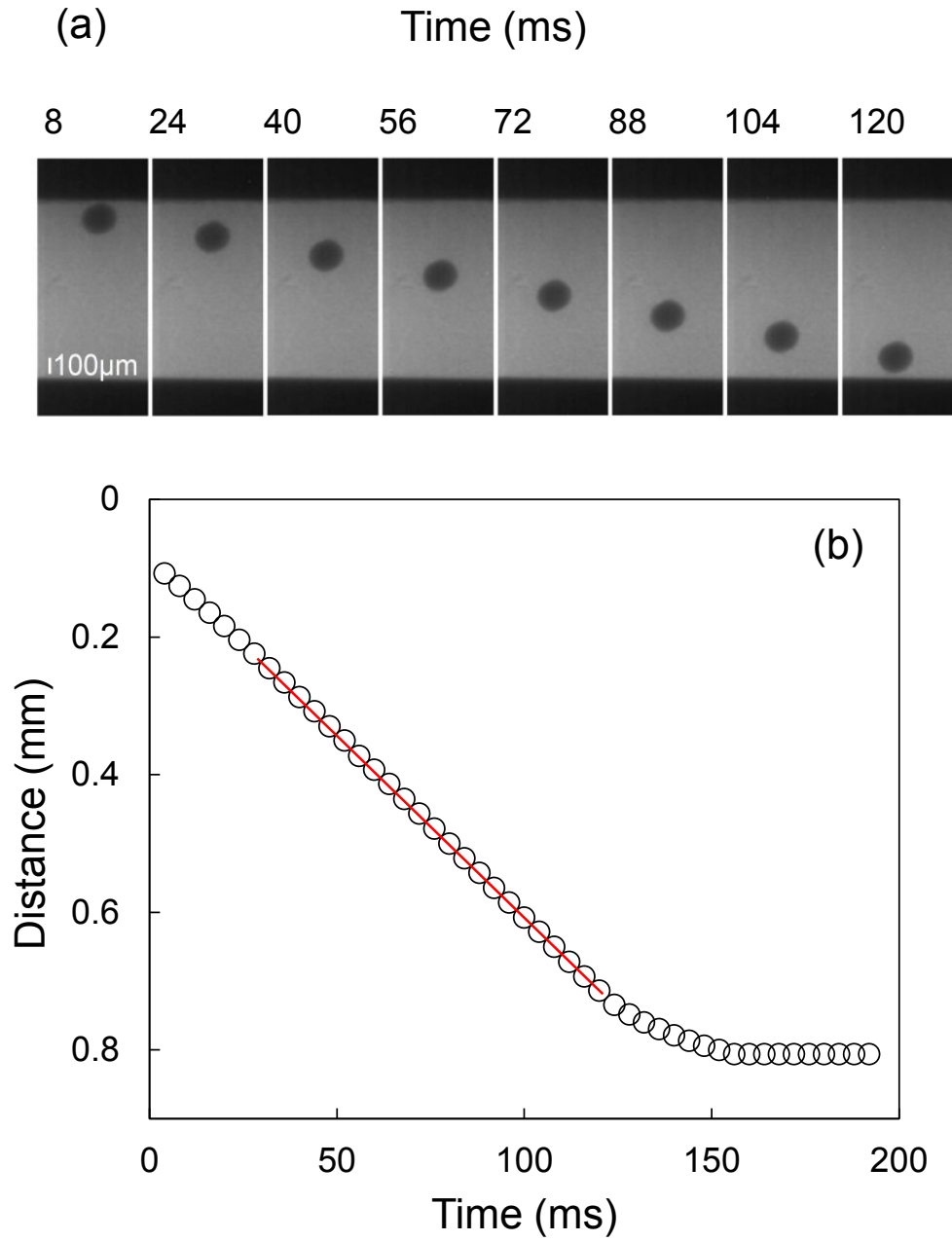


Figure 3.1: (a) A series of X-ray radiography images showing the rhenium sphere (radius  $86.5 \mu\text{m}$ ) descent through liquid fayalite at  $5.0 \text{ GPa}$  and  $1650^\circ\text{C}$  (run B13). Every 4th frame is shown between 8 and 120 ms. (b) The results of the sphere fall analysis for each frame during experiment B13. The straight line fit to the data points indicates that terminal velocity was achieved prior to the sphere reaching the bottom of the capsule.

The velocity/time plot for the rhenium sphere of experiment B13 is shown in Figure 3.2. There is an initial acceleration, followed by a ‘velocity plateau’ where

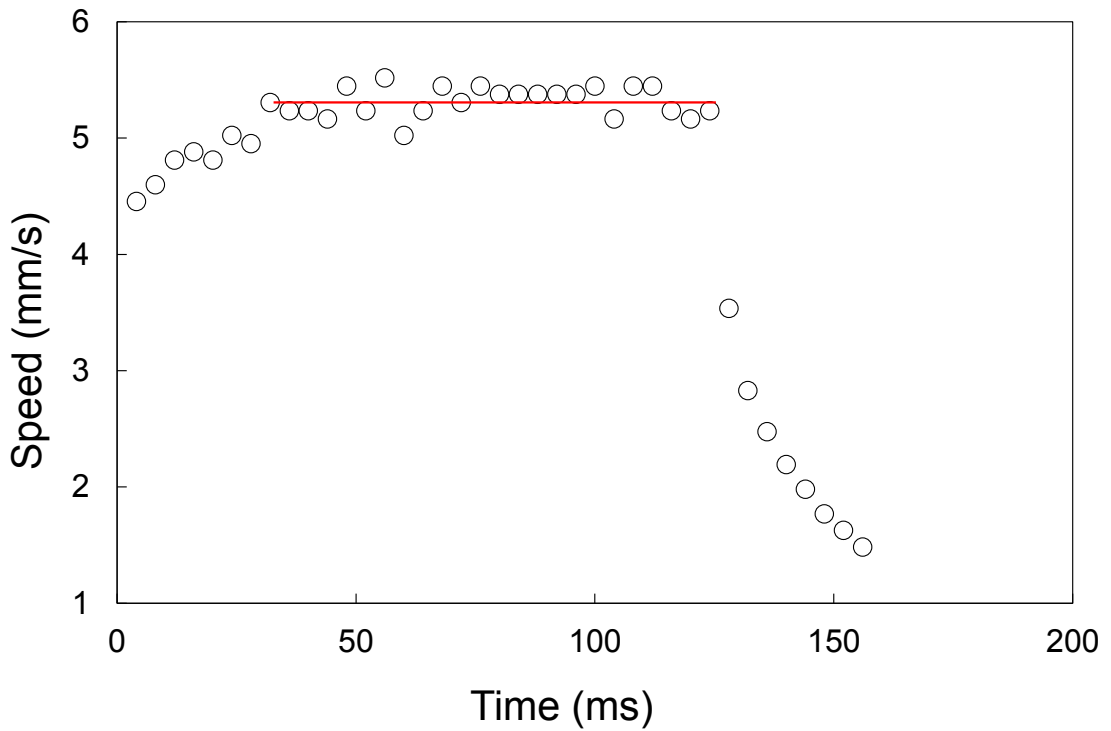


Figure 3.2: The velocity/time plot of the rhenium sphere in experiment B13. Points either side of the red line were deemed to have achieved terminal velocity, which is first reached after 30 ms. The scatter either side of the line is used to determine the error in the sphere velocity. The rapid deceleration at 130 ms occurs as the sphere approaches the bottom of the capsule.

the shape of the graph is flat and the sphere is deemed to have reached its terminal velocity. The error in the velocity determination is taken as the scatter either side of the best fit line shown in Figure 3.2. Recent studies that have measured the viscosity of silicate melts using the falling sphere technique have had few data points on the ‘velocity plateau’. For example, Reid et al. (2003) had only five velocity points for their measurement of diopside viscosity at 7.0 GPa. However, the use of the high-speed camera during these measurements meant that the minimum number of points obtained to calculate the velocity was 12 (and most had  $>20$ ), increasing the reliability of the results.

The viscosity of liquid fayalite was found to decrease along the liquidus (experimental Run A, black points in Figure 3.3) from  $76.0 \pm 6.7$  mPa·s at ambient pressure, 1250 °C (Shiraishi et al., 1978), to  $31.3 \pm 2.8$  mPa·s at 9.2 GPa, 1850 °C. Viscosity decreased rapidly from ambient pressure to around 4 GPa, after which it decreased much more slowly. The  $P$ - $T$  conditions of each experiment in Run

A in relation to the  $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase diagram are shown in Figure 3.4. When the uncertainty in the temperature determination is taken into account, the experiments are calculated to have been carried out at a maximum of  $100^\circ\text{C}$  above the melting curve. Experimental Run B was carried out at a constant temperature of  $1600 \pm 50^\circ\text{C}$ . The viscosity decreased from  $51.9 \pm 4.0 \text{ mPa}\cdot\text{s}$  at 1.3 GPa, to  $34.7 \pm 2.7 \text{ mPa}\cdot\text{s}$  at 6.3 GPa (grey points in Figure 3.3), indicating that pressure was the main cause of the viscosity decrease along the fayalite liquidus. It is noteworthy that the viscosity values measured at  $1600^\circ\text{C}$  are not lower than those measured at lower temperatures. In fact, when the isotherm and liquidus viscosity values are plotted on the same diagram (Figure 3.3), the values all fit on the same trend. This suggests that at high- $T$ , temperature has very little effect on viscosity and that pressure is the main controlling variable.

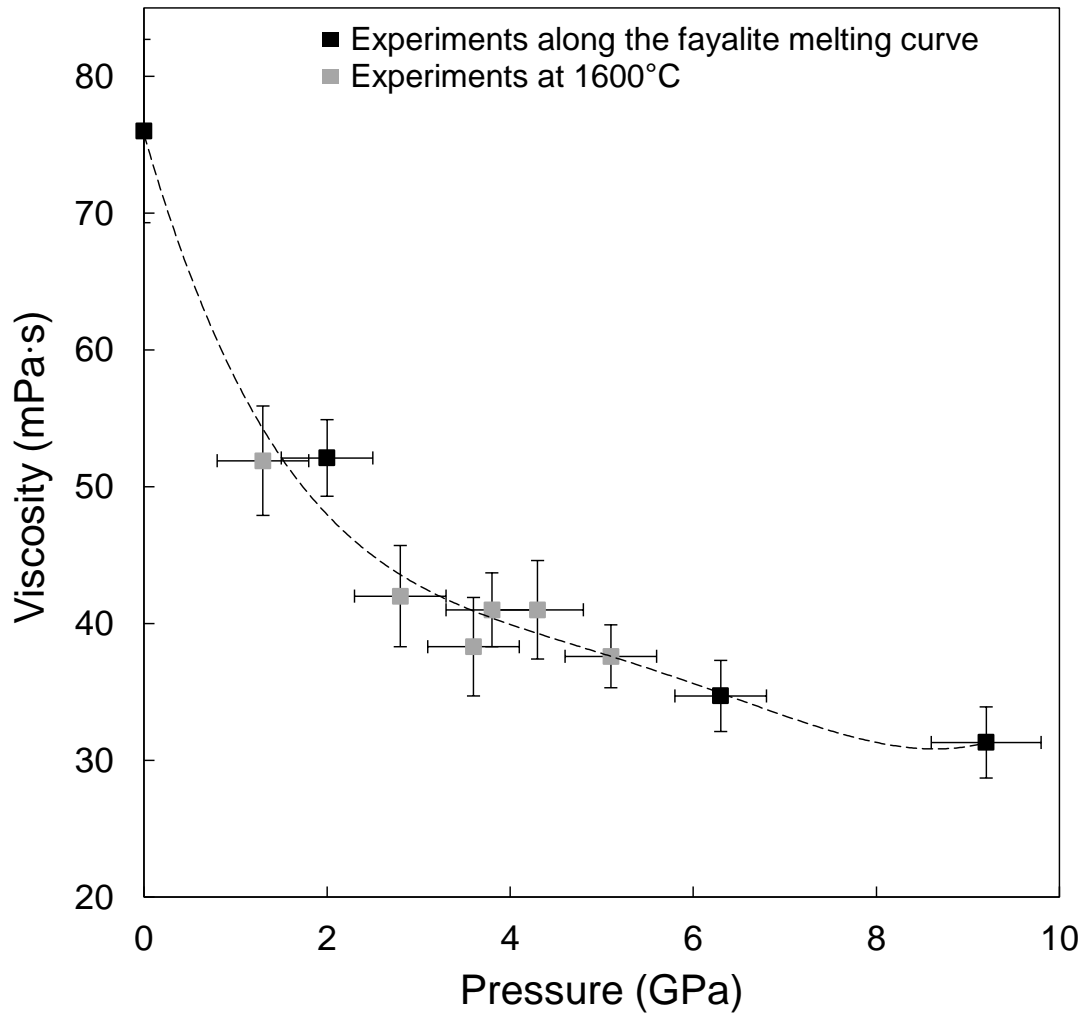


Figure 3.3: The viscosity of liquid fayalite as a function of pressure. The black squares are values obtained along the fayalite liquidus (Run A), with the temperature indicated. The grey squares are values obtained along the 1600 °C isotherm (Run B). The ambient pressure measurement is from Shiraishi et al. (1978) at 1250 °C. The curve was fit to a polynomial function and has an  $R^2$  value of 97.6%.

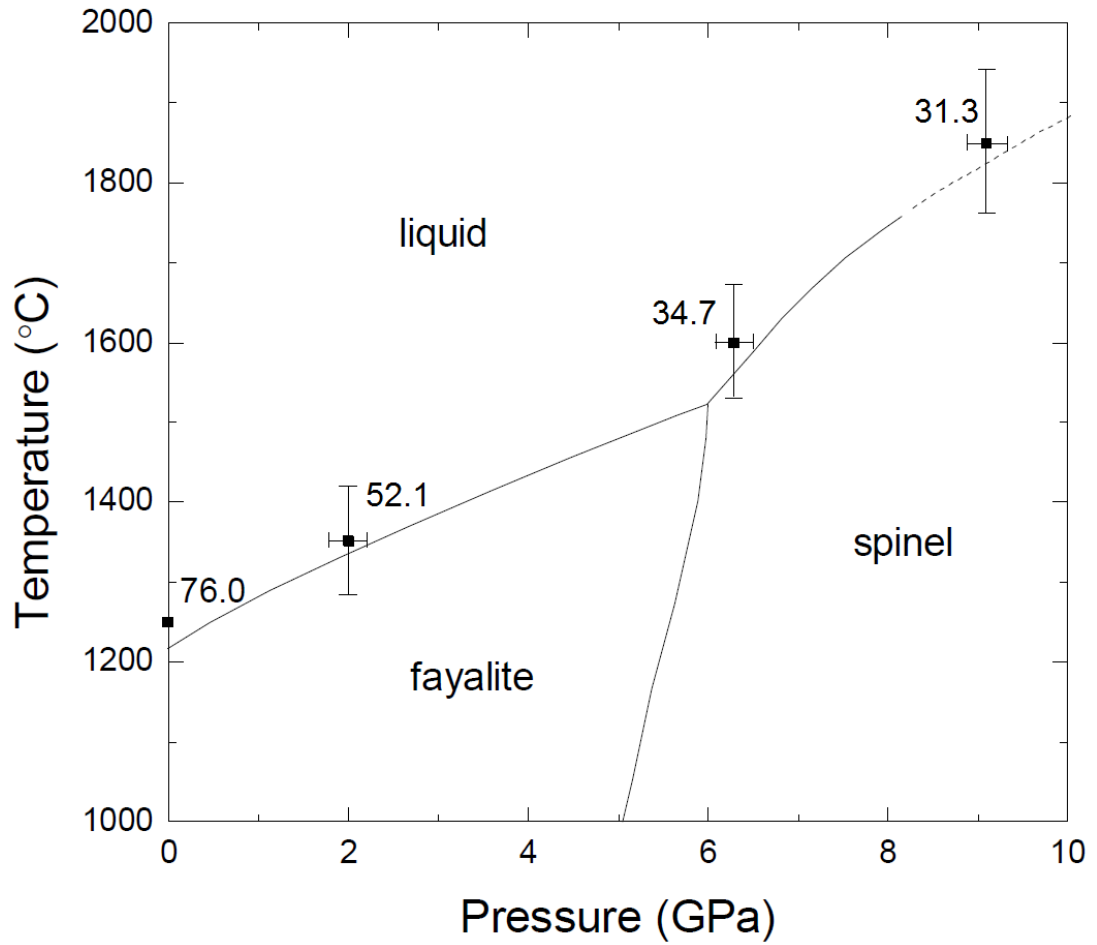


Figure 3.4: The  $P$ - $T$  conditions of each run obtained along the fayalite liquidus (Run A) in relation to the  $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$  phase diagram. The viscosity values are shown in mPa·s beside each  $P$ - $T$  point.

## 3.2 Sample analysis

After the experiments, the samples were quenched and recovered for imaging and electron microprobe analysis at EMMAC (The Edinburgh Materials and Micro-Analysis Centre), University of Edinburgh. A Philips XL30CP scanning electron microscope (SEM) was used to image the samples. A back scattered electron (BSE) image of experimental run A5 is shown in Figure 3.5. The composition of the samples was then analysed using a CAMECA SX100 electron microprobe with a 15 kV accelerating voltage and a 1  $\mu\text{m}$  beam, with a current of 30 nA.

The analysis showed the samples were overwhelmingly of fayalite composition. In one of the highest  $P$  runs (A12, 6.3 GPa), a very small number of interstitial areas richer in FeO were detected. This was not the case for the other samples (e.g. the example illustrated in Figure 3.5) where only fayalite crystals were detected. While this suggests minor oxidation of the sample with FeO in some of the interstices, it is considered it to be insignificant since Sanloup et al. (2013a), using Mössbauer spectroscopy to quantify the ratio of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  to  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  in fayalite after high  $P$ - $T$  experiments using the same cell assembly as this study, and found no evidence for the presence of  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  within the experimental uncertainty of  $\sim 1\%$ .

A Re-Fe alloy of variable thickness was detected on the rim of some of the recovered spheres. For example, the sample shown in Figure 3.5 has a rim of  $14\ \mu\text{m}$  and a maximum rim thickness of  $40\ \mu\text{m}$  was measured on sample B7. However, it must be concluded that this growth occurred after the fall as no growth in the size of the spheres was detected during the fall within the error of  $\pm 2\ \mu\text{m}$ . The interaction between the spheres and the sample during the experiments is therefore considered to be negligible.

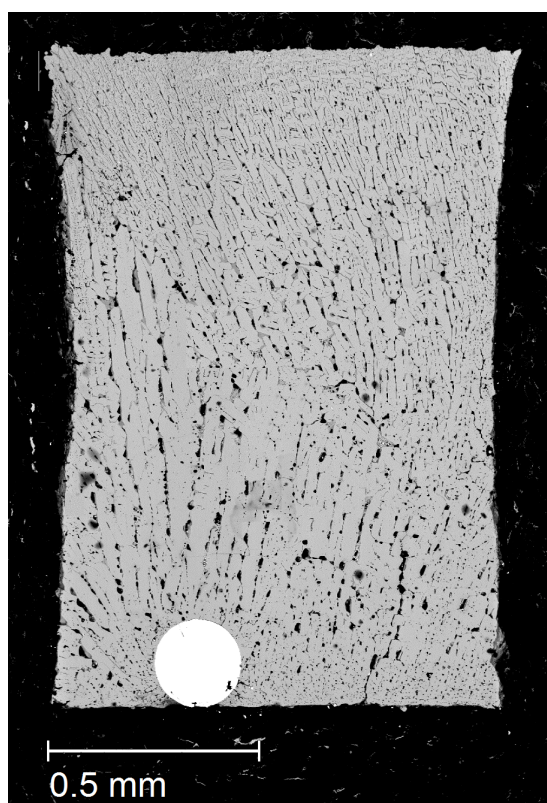


Figure 3.5: A BSE SEM image of experimental run A5. The sample was quenched as 100% fayalite crystals. The rhenium sphere can be seen in the bottom left side of the sample. The dark material surrounding the sample is the graphite capsule.



### 3.2.1 Experimental errors

Experimental errors arose from several sources. The uncertainty in the pressure and temperature calibrants led to a maximum uncertainty in  $P$  and  $T$  determination of  $\pm 0.6$  GPa and  $\pm 95^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively. The uncertainty in  $P$  and  $T$  resulted in an error in the determination of the rhenium sphere and liquid density at high pressure. The largest error in the liquid density due to this was 1.5%, while the largest error in the sphere density was 1.0%. Due to the small sphere size used in our study, the uncertainty in the measurement of the sphere radii also contributes to the overall viscosity uncertainty. The CCD camera set-up had an image resolution of  $\pm 2 \mu\text{m}$ . (Kono et al., 2014). The error in the sphere size measurement introduced an uncertainty into the wall  $W$  and end  $E$  correction factors. These were a maximum of 1.3% and 1.2%, respectively. The error in the determination of terminal velocity was taken from the spread of velocity values on the ‘velocity plateau’. The standard deviations in terminal velocities ranged from  $\pm 2\text{-}6\%$ .

An additional uncertainty may arise if the shape of the sphere deviates from spherical. The actual terminal velocity of an ellipsoid particle may be found by multiplying the measured terminal velocity by a shape factor  $S$ . If the ellipsoid is assumed to be a spheroid in which two of the principle diameters are equal (i.e.  $a = b \neq c$ ), then using the method of Kerr and Lister (1991), the shape factor is a function of the single aspect ratio  $\gamma = c/a$  and is averaged over all possible orientations using the expression:

$$S = \frac{\gamma^{\frac{1}{3}}}{(\gamma^2 - 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}} \cdot \cosh^{-1}\gamma \quad (3.1)$$

The most elliptical sphere had an aspect ratio of  $c/a = 0.85$  (Run B7), which corresponds to a shape factor of 0.998, and thus a 0.2% error in the terminal velocity calculation. In fact, the effect of an elliptical sphere is small even at  $c/a=0.5$ , which results in  $S=0.96$  and only a 4% error in terminal velocity. The effect of sphere shape on viscosity in this study is therefore considered to be negligible.

The overall uncertainty in the final viscosity values was determined by standard

error propagation:

$$\Delta\eta = \eta \cdot \sqrt{\frac{2g}{9} \cdot \left( \left( \frac{2\Delta r_s}{r_s} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\sqrt{(\Delta\rho_s)^2 + (\Delta\rho_l)^2}}{\rho_s - \rho_l} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta W}{W} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta E}{E} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\Delta v}{v} \right)^2} \right)} \quad (3.2)$$

The error in the final viscosity values ranged from 5.4-9.5%. Table 3.2 summarises the relative importance of each variable on the final viscosity value. This was calculated by increasing each variable by 1% in turn. A 1% change in the sphere radius results in the largest viscosity change, whereas a 1% increase of the liquid density has the least impact. A table of the results and errors in full can be found in Appendix A.

Table 3.2: The viscosity change calculated from a 1% increase in each value from Equation 2.2.

variable	$\Delta\eta$ (%)
$r_s$	2.0
$\rho_s$	1.5
$\rho_l$	0.1
$W$	1.3
$E$	0.8
$v$	1.0

## 4 Discussion

### 4.1 Pressure and silicate melt viscosity

This work represents the first study to measure the viscosity of a highly depolymerized silicate melt, where  $\text{NBO}/\text{T}=4$ . The most depolymerized silicates studied previously are diopside (Reid et al., 2003) and peridotite (Liebske et al., 2005) with an  $\text{NBO}/\text{T}=2$  and 2.5, respectively. In contrast to the results presented here, these studies found viscosity to initially increase with pressure, before decreasing above  $\sim 9\text{-}10$  GPa. An initial viscosity decrease has, however, been previously recognised in a variety of polymerized melts including jadeite (Kushiro, 1976), basalt and andesite (Kushiro et al., 1976) and albite (Brearley et al., 1986; Suzuki et al., 2002), as shown in Figure 1.1. In the literature, this observation has often been attributed to an increase in  $\text{Al}^{3+}$  coordination by oxygen (e.g. Waff, 1975; Kushiro, 1976). There are two reasons that the increase in aluminium-oxygen coordination results in a decrease in melt viscosity (Waff, 1975; Reid et al., 2003; Liebske et al., 2005). First, aluminium is a network former in polymerized silicates. Structural transformations disrupt the structural network, resulting in the melt becoming more depolymerized, and hence, less viscous. Second, higher coordinated cations are characterised by longer, and thus weaker, cation-oxygen bonds, which is thought to lower the activation barriers to self-diffusion, and hence leads to a further reduction in viscosity.

As a result of the viscosity behaviour of polymerized melts, a number of previous studies have focussed on determining the structure of aluminosilicate glass structures at high pressure, specifically looking for changes in aluminium-oxygen coordination. The results were inconclusive. At ambient pressure, Al is in tetrahedral (4-fold) coordination with oxygen. Some studies indeed suggest that higher coordinated aluminium cations are present at relatively moderate pressures. For example, Allwardt et al. (2007) reported the significant presence of 5-fold (with

minor 6-fold) coordinated aluminium in a range of aluminosilicate glasses at 3 GPa, however the relative proportions of the 4-, 5- and 6-fold species was highly variable between glasses of different compositions. On the other hand, studies such as that by Poe et al. (2001) found no evidence for significant changes in Al coordination below 6 GPa. Consequently, a number of other explanations have been put forward to explain the anomalous viscosity behaviour of polymerized silicate melts at high pressure. Schmelzer et al. (2005) argued that the decrease in viscosity occurs when the thermal expansion coefficient of the liquid is negative. McMillan and Wilding (2009) favour a ‘reactive ion transfer model’, whereby the  $\text{O}^{2-}$  self-diffusivity increases with increasing pressure, resulting in a viscosity decrease. However, a recent theoretical study by Bauchy et al. (2013) attempted to relate viscosity and diffusivity of silicate melts at high pressure and could not find a definitive relationship. The clear discrepancies in the literature, combined with the additional problem that high pressure Si-O and Al-O bond arrangements have been found to return to tetrahedral coordination upon decompression (Williams and Jeanloz, 1988), demonstrates the need for the *in situ* determination of the structure of silicate melts.

It is only recently with the advent of third generation synchrotron radiation sources, which provide extremely brilliant beams, combined with the development of specific high-pressure liquid beamlines such as 16-BM-B at the APS, that it has been possible to measure the structure of liquid silicates *in situ*. Both the high melting temperatures of silicate melts and poor scattering power of the liquids (resulting in a weak signal) had previously prevented the *in situ* measurement of liquid silicate structure at high pressure. In a recent study, (Drewitt et al., 2015) determined the structure of liquid anorthite ( $\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$ ) *in situ* up to a pressure of 32.4 GPa, and found a continuous increase in Al coordination by oxygen from ambient pressure, with 5-fold coordinated Al dominating at 15 GPa, and an increasing dominance of 6-fold coordinated Al at higher pressures. The theory of Waff (1975) that an increase in Al coordination by oxygen is responsible for the decrease in viscosity with an increase in pressure in aluminosilicate melts may therefore be correct.

The work presented here is of particular interest because it is one of the first silicate melt viscosity studies for which *in situ* structural data is already available. This is significant because it is one of the first studies that allows the relationship

between liquid structure and physiochemical properties such as viscosity to be investigated. The structure of fayalite melt was determined by Sanloup et al. (2013a) using X-ray diffraction (Figure 4.1). At ambient pressure, the average coordination number (CN) of the Fe-O bond was measured to be  $4.8 \pm 0.2$ , and is a result of approximately 60%  $\text{FeO}_4$  and 40%  $\text{FeO}_6$  structural units (Drewitt et al., 2013). With increasing pressure up to 7.5 GPa, the average CN of the Fe-O bond increases to  $7.2 \pm 0.3$ . This is thought to be due to the appearance of 8-fold coordinated Fe, however it is hard to resolve the exact proportions of  $\text{FeO}_x$  species as the resolution at high pressure is limited.

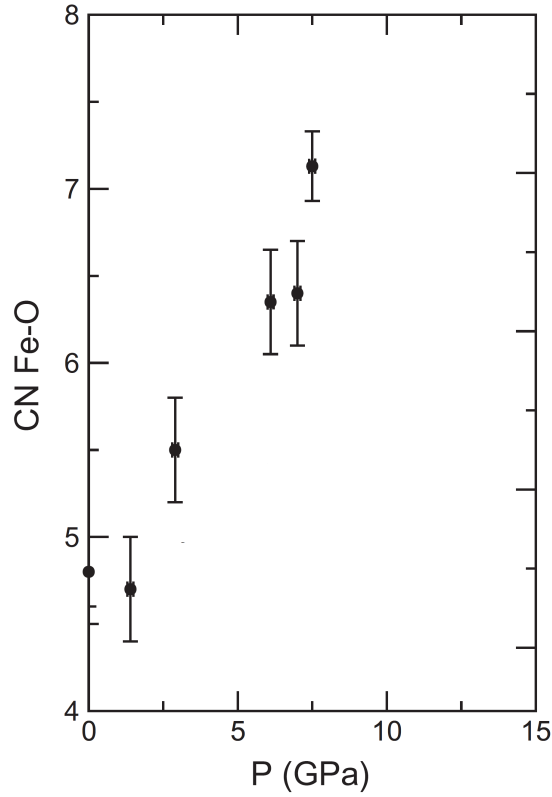


Figure 4.1: The increase in average coordination number of the Fe-O bond in  $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$  liquid with increasing pressure. The average CN increases from  $4.8 \pm 0.2$  at ambient pressure to  $7.2 \pm 0.3$  at 7.5 GPa. These measurements were carried out *in situ* at high pressure by Sanloup et al. (2013a).

The measured decrease in fayalite melt viscosity presented here is likely due to the increase in Fe-O coordination with pressure. It is useful to note the results of Kohara et al. (2004), who used X-ray and neutron diffraction measurements to

show that the  $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$  glass structure network is built by  $\text{MgO}_x$  polyhedra. If we can assume that the  $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$  melt structure behaves in the same way and is built from  $\text{FeO}_x$  polyhedra, then an increase in Fe-O coordination number would result in the melt structure becoming more depolymerized, thus resulting in a decrease in viscosity. In addition, the longer bonds required to accommodate more oxygens around the  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  cation are weaker, resulting in a further decrease in viscosity.

The results presented here show that liquid fayalite exhibits different behaviour in viscosity at high pressures compared to other moderately depolymerized melts such as diopside and peridotite. It is therefore not appropriate to make assumptions about the viscosity behaviour of a melt at depth based on the properties of other silicates. Instead, the viscosity of silicate melts at high pressure should be considered on an individual basis and is strongly dependent on the melt structure and composition. By comparison with polymerized melts (Figure 1.1), it is clear that the viscosity decrease of fayalite melt is not as great as that observed in polymerized melts. For example, liquid fayalite viscosity decreased by a factor of 2.5 between 0-9 GPa, whereas, liquid jadeite viscosity decreased by a factor of 10 between 0-2.4 GPa (Kushiro, 1976), a much smaller pressure range. Since fayalite melt is already highly depolymerized, structural changes are likely to have a less significant effect on the melt viscosity.

At high  $P$ , a silicate melt is expected to reach a densely packed state, after which, there are no further changes in cation coordination (i.e. a viscosity minimum). Viscosity will then increase in response to closer atomic packing. It is likely that the viscosity minimum will vary for silicate melts of different composition. The four- to six-fold Si coordination change occurring between 20-35 GPa (Sato and Funamori, 2010; Sanloup et al., 2013b) measured in  $\text{SiO}_2$  glass and basaltic liquid may have an important effect on polymerized melts whose network is largely built of tetrahedrally coordinated  $\text{Si}^{4+}$  cations, however it may not affect fayalite as  $\text{Si}^{4+}$  is not a network former in the fayalite crystalline state. However, the influence of the Si-O coordination change on viscosity is still unknown even for the most polymerized silicate melts as viscosity experiments have so far been limited to  $<13$  GPa for melts of any composition. Further experimental studies on silicate melts at high pressure are needed in order to fully understand the effects of the various pressure-induced structural changes in relation to melt viscosity.

## 4.2 Temperature and silicate melt viscosity

The values for viscosity of liquid fayalite measured along the 1600 °C isotherm fall on the same trend as those values measured at lower temperatures along the fayalite liquidus (Figure 3.3). This suggests that at high  $T$ , temperature may have very little effect on viscosity and that pressure is the controlling variable. A weak viscosity- $T$ -dependency implies that the liquid is fragile, i.e. it has a non-Arrhenian viscosity behaviour (Figure 4.2). Depolymerized silicate melts have been shown to be fragile liquids at 1 bar (Giordano et al., 2008). The changes that occur at high  $P$ , i.e. the increase of Fe-O CN resulting in the further depolymerization of the liquid structure, is likely to reinforce the fragile behaviour of the melt. This effect has been shown for  $\text{SiO}_2$  and  $\text{Na}_2\text{O-SiO}_2$  melts from a computational approach (Barrat et al., 1997; Micoulaut and Bauchy, 2013), whereby the liquid goes from strong to fragile and becomes less viscous as the Si-O CN increases from 4 to 6. Depolymerized silicate melts may therefore show fragile behaviour at high pressure.

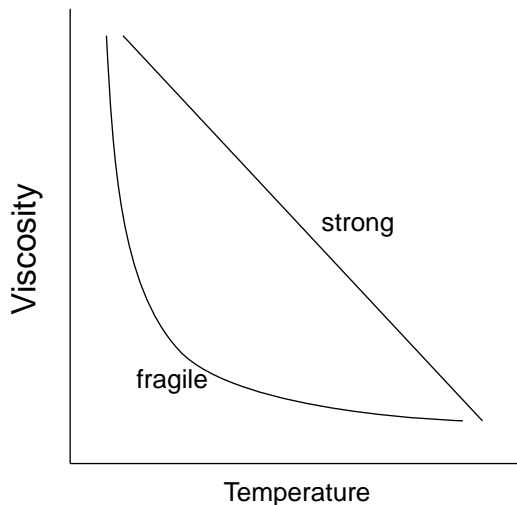


Figure 4.2: An illustrative figure showing the difference between fragile and strong liquids in relation to melt viscosity. A strong liquid exhibits Arrhenian behaviour and its viscosity continues to decrease even at high temperature. In contrast, fragile liquid viscosity is unchanged by increasing temperature at very high  $T$  and is considered to be non-Arrhenian.

## 4.3 Geological implications

The fayalite viscosity results presented here hold particular significance for FeO-rich planetary magma oceans that existed in reduced environments. The experiments were carried out under reducing conditions and the final sample composition was found to contain  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum \text{Fe} \leq 0.01$  (Sanloup et al., 2013a). The present day Moon and Mars are estimated to have high-mantle iron contents (up to 22 wt% FeO (Cahill et al., 2009; Baratoux et al., 2011)) in a reducing environment (Sato et al., 1973; Herd et al., 2002).

Lacks et al. (2007) carried out molecular dynamics simulations to calculate viscosity along the MgO-SiO<sub>2</sub> join to investigate the effect of composition and pressure on transport properties. At atmospheric pressure, viscosity was found to vary by more than 3 orders of magnitude along the compositional join, however at pressures  $> 15$  GPa, the viscosity varied by less than an order of magnitude over the entire compositional range. If the FeO-SiO<sub>2</sub> system behaves in the same way, then planetary magma oceans viscosities will be particularly sensitive to FeO content at lower pressures. The results presented here suggest that the increase in  $P$  along the magma ocean adiabat will favour a decrease in melt viscosity of a FeO-rich magma, and may be most important at upper mantle depths. Additionally, the viscosity decrease may be particularly pronounced in magma oceans with reducing conditions and it is therefore worth considering when modelling processes occurring in planetary magma oceans. For example, the Moon and Mars are Fe-rich bodies, while Mercury is less Fe-rich (Robinson and Taylor, 2001). In addition, before the segregation of the Fe-rich core, the Earth's magma ocean contained far more Fe in than the present-day mantle, and so the results presented here may be directly applicable to the early Earth.

It is important to consider whether the negative pressure effect is present in other compositions. MgO is far more abundant in the Earth's mantle than FeO (McDonough and Sun, 1995) and is a major oxide constituent of mantle minerals such as olivine, pyroxene and perovskite. In addition, Mercury is depleted in Fe compared to the other terrestrial planets, and is highly Mg-rich. Although no *in situ* data on the structural arrangement of the Mg-O bond in silicate liquids is presently available, Mg-O has been shown to undergo pressure- induced coor-



dination changes similar to those observed in the fayalite Fe-O bond in silicate glasses (Wilding et al., 2012). On this basis, it is likely that melts of the Mg-rich end-member of olivine, forsterite, will also initially decrease in viscosity with pressure, as Mg-O is a network former in the  $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$  glass structure (Kohara et al., 2004). It is therefore possible that a decrease in melt viscosity may have been present in the magma oceans on Earth and Mercury at upper mantle depths, as well as those bodies that are more FeO rich. Karki and Stixrude (2010) used first principle molecular dynamics simulations to show that the combined effect of pressure and temperature along a model Earth magma ocean geotherm would lead to an order of magnitude increase in viscosity across the depth of the mantle. The viscosity of fayalite melt decreases by a factor of two between ambient pressure and 9 GPa, and while this is small compared to an order of magnitude increase in viscosity across the entire mantle, it is not insignificant. In addition, it is possible that the viscosity decrease at upper mantle depths could become considerable with the additional influence of MgO-rich melts.

Due to the lack of data on silicate melts at high pressure, assumptions about the viscosity of depolymerized melts at depth have often been made. Solomatov and Stevenson (1993) assumed that the viscosity of depolymerized melts would increase with depth due to closer interatomic spacing. Tonks and Melosh (1990, 1993) assumed no pressure effect on silicate melt viscosity in their global magma ocean model. The results from this study, however, show that depolymerized silicate melts may exhibit a hitherto unexpected decrease in viscosity at depth. Viscosity will have been an important influencing property on the chemical evolution of the early terrestrial bodies due to the fact that convection (Davaille and Jaupart, 1993), crystal settling (Solomatov and Stevenson, 1993), cumulate overturn (Elkins-Tanton et al., 2003), and chemical diffusion (Rubie et al., 2003) are much more efficient in low viscosity melts. In addition, magma oceans with low viscosities will be able to convect faster, which can result in more rapid cooling, although this is also dependent on the rigid lid that can form on the surface of the magma ocean (Davaille and Jaupart, 1993). However, more work is needed to understand the properties of other silicate melts relevant to magma ocean compositions across a larger pressure range. While the existence of a fayalitic magma ocean in a planetary body is unlikely, it is nevertheless important to measure the properties of simple end-member compositions so that we can begin to understand

how different compositional mixtures influence planetary magma viscosities and processes.

## 4.4 Suggested further work

Simple end-member silicate compositions are very important as it is difficult to resolve the bond arrangements from X-ray diffraction data in liquids such as basalt and peridotite because they have many major element constituents. In order constrain and understand the viscosity behaviour of magmas at depth, further structural and viscosity measurements of other simple end-member compositions relevant to mantle compositions, such as forsterite  $\text{Mg}_2\text{SiO}_4$ , enstatite  $\text{MgSiO}_3$ , ferrosilite  $\text{FeSiO}_3$  and garnet, are required. By measuring each end-member, it will be possible to identify which constituent(s) are most influential on magma viscosities at depth.

So far, no silicate melt viscosity has been experimentally determined above 13 GPa, so it is unclear whether pressure induced structural changes occurring at higher pressures (such as the  $\text{Si}^{4+}$  coordination increase from four- to six-fold coordination between 20-35 GPa (Sato and Funamori, 2010; Sanloup et al., 2013b)) will have an impact on viscosity. Therefore, further work at pressures above 13 GPa is required to investigate this, and to better constrain silicate melt properties at high pressures. Experimental measurements are also needed in order to test computational simulation results. For example, molecular dynamics simulations have been used to calculate the viscosity of enstatite liquid at high pressure (Karki and Stixrude, 2010), but no studies have managed to determine liquid enstatite viscosity experimentally. If experimental measurements are found to confirm results calculated from simulations, more confidence can be placed in the model.

## 5 Conclusions

The viscosity of silicate melts is an important physical property that determines the mobility and transport behaviour of magma and therefore has an important influence on a variety of igneous processes. However, despite its importance, the viscosity of silicate melts is still poorly constrained over the mantle pressure-temperature regime due to experimental difficulties associated with obtaining the high temperatures and pressures necessary to melt and analyse silicate minerals under mantle conditions.

This study presents the first viscosity measurements on a highly depolymerized silicate melt, fayalite ( $\text{Fe}_2\text{SiO}_4$ ), which has  $\text{NBO}/\text{T}=4$ . This work is also significant because it is one of the first to investigate the viscosity of a silicate melt for which the structure at high pressure has been determined *in situ*, and so it is possible to investigate the relationship between the viscosity and melt structure at high pressure.

The viscosity of the melt was measured up to 9.2 GPa *in situ* using falling sphere viscometry both along the fayalite liquidus and along an isotherm. The viscosity of fayalite melt was found to decrease by a factor of 2.5 along the liquidus, and the results from experiments carried out along the isotherm suggest that temperature has very little influence on fayalite melt viscosity at high pressure. The viscosity decrease with increasing pressure is likely due to the increase of Fe-O coordination with pressure (Sanloup et al., 2013a). In polymerized melts, the structural transformation of tetrahedrally coordinated cations (such as  $\text{Al}^{3+}$ ) to higher species has often been cited as the cause of the decrease in viscosity with pressure of polymerized silicate melts, however this study is the first to record an initial decrease in viscosity with increasing pressure in a depolymerized silicate melt. Previously, it has often been assumed that the viscosity of depolymerized silicate melts will not decrease at depth. This work shows that this assumption is not appropriate, and that the behaviour of silicate melts at depth should be

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considered on an independent basis for melts of varying composition. The viscosity of silicate melts at high pressure will be strongly dependent on the individual melt composition and structure.

## Part II

# The evolution of the Iceland mantle plume

# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Background

### 1.1.1 Mantle melting and the role of temperature

Mantle melting is an extremely important process that is fundamental to global magmatism and the formation of the Earth's crust. There are three principal mechanisms that will cause the steady-state mantle to melt: (i) adiabatic decompression of normal mantle; (ii) lowering the temperature of the mantle solidus due to the addition of volatiles; and (iii) anomalous thermal perturbation of the geotherm. Partial melting beneath mid-ocean ridges (MORs) and hotspots is predominantly the result of adiabatic upwelling of the asthenosphere to shallow levels, resulting in the intersection of the mantle geotherm with the mantle solidus. At hotspot locations, this process occurs due to a thermal anomaly. The magnitude of the thermal anomaly is a critical variable that influences the dynamics of mantle melting as well as the volume and composition of the magmatic products. Being able to accurately constrain the mantle temperature at such locations is therefore fundamental to our understanding of mantle melting and its role in shaping the surface of our planet.

### 1.1.2 Mantle plumes

It is well established that mantle plumes are thermal anomalies in the mantle (e.g. Griffiths and Campbell, 1990; Campbell, 2007). Mantle plumes are here defined as channels of buoyancy driven flow, originating from deep within the mantle or at the core-mantle boundary (CMB). They were first proposed by Wilson (1963) and Morgan (1971) in order to explain time-progressive volcanic chains such as

the Hawaiian-Emperor seamount chain. It is now thought that mantle plumes are responsible for the huge outpourings of predominantly basaltic magmas not linked to normal plate-boundary magmatism that form large igneous provinces (LIPs). After oceanic spreading centres, LIPs represent the most voluminous accumulations of mafic material on the Earth's surface and are therefore an important mechanism for growing the Earth's crust over geological time (Coffin and Eldholm, 1994). LIPs occur on the continents and in the oceans (Figure 1.1) and include continental flood basalts (e.g. the Deccan and Siberian Traps), volcanic passive margins (e.g. parts of the North Atlantic Igneous Province) and oceanic plateaus (e.g. the Ontong Java Plateau and Iceland) (Ernst, 2014).

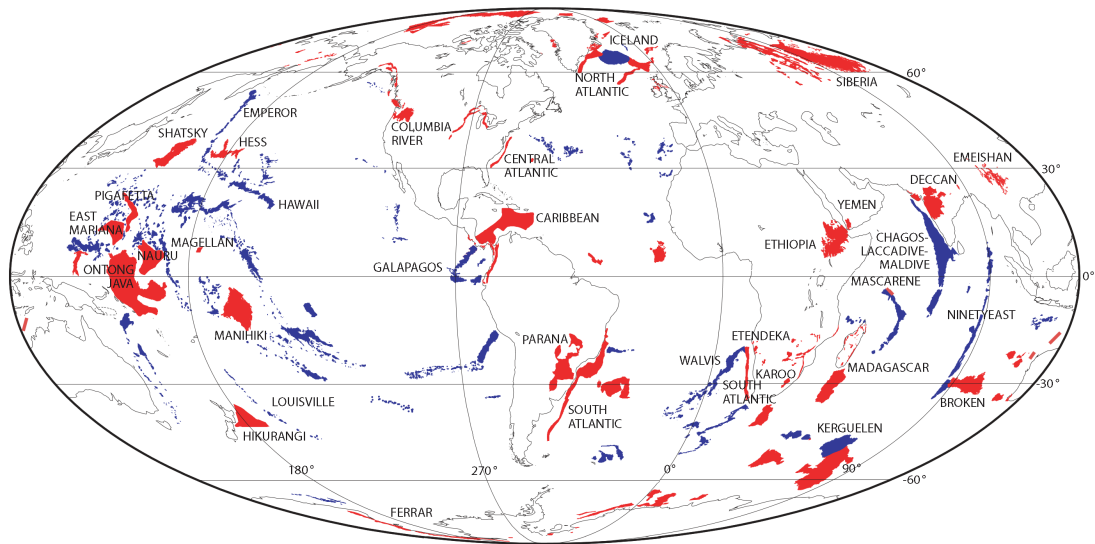


Figure 1.1: Phanerozoic distribution of global LIPs. Red = LIP volcanism related to plume heads, blue = LIP volcanism related to plume tails. From Coffin et al. (2001).

## Plume theory

High pressure experiments on iron-nickel alloys show that the core must be several hundred degrees hotter than the overlying mantle (Boehler, 1993). Such a large temperature difference will produce an unstable thermal boundary layer between the core and the mantle, which will heat the overlying mantle and lower its density until it breaks away to form buoyant plumes (Campbell, 2007). Plume theory is supported by dynamo theory, because the Earth's magnetic field requires a

large heat flow from the core (Gubbins et al., 2003) and plumes are the only mechanism by which this can occur efficiently. In order for the heated material in the boundary layer to rise, it must be buoyant enough to overcome the viscosity of the overlying mantle. A new rising plume will develop a large head followed by a narrow tail, which requires less buoyancy to rise when following the existing pathway of the head (Campbell, 2007).

As the plume rises through the mantle, it grows through two mechanisms (Griffiths and Campbell, 1990). Firstly, material from the high temperature, low viscosity tail rises faster than the head which therefore swells to form a characteristic mushroom shape (Figure 1.2). Secondly, the rising plume head continually heats and entrains material from the surrounding mantle and becomes a mix of high temperature tail material and heated surrounding mantle material, and consequently has a lower temperature than the plume tail. When the plume head arrives at the base of the lithosphere, it has an excess temperature of several hundred degrees and quickly flattens out to form a disk (Figure 1.2) covering an area of 2000-2500 km (Campbell, 2007).

Many studies have identified a difference in mantle potential temperature between MOR and LIP settings of 100-300°C using a variety of petrological approaches (Larsen and Pedersen, 2000; Herzberg and O'Hara, 2002; Putirka, 2005; Herzberg et al., 2007; Putirka et al., 2007; Herzberg and Asimow, 2008; Herzberg and Gazel, 2009; Coogan et al., 2014). The anomalously high temperatures can result in dynamic uplift of the lithosphere and, if the hot mantle can upwell to shallow enough levels to undergo decompressional melting, vast outpourings of basaltic magma over an area with a diameter of  $\sim 2000$  km. With time, melt becomes focussed into a narrow mantle upwelling in the plume tail that is connected to the plume-head stage of activity by a volcanic chain (Griffiths and Campbell, 1990; Campbell, 2007).

## **Mantle plumes and helium isotopes**

Helium isotope ratios are a useful and sensitive tracer of mantle processes (Hilton and Porcelli, 2003). Helium has two isotopes:  $^3\text{He}$ , which is primordial, and  $^4\text{He}$ , which is predominantly produced by radioactive  $\alpha$ -particle decay of the  $^{238}\text{U}$ ,



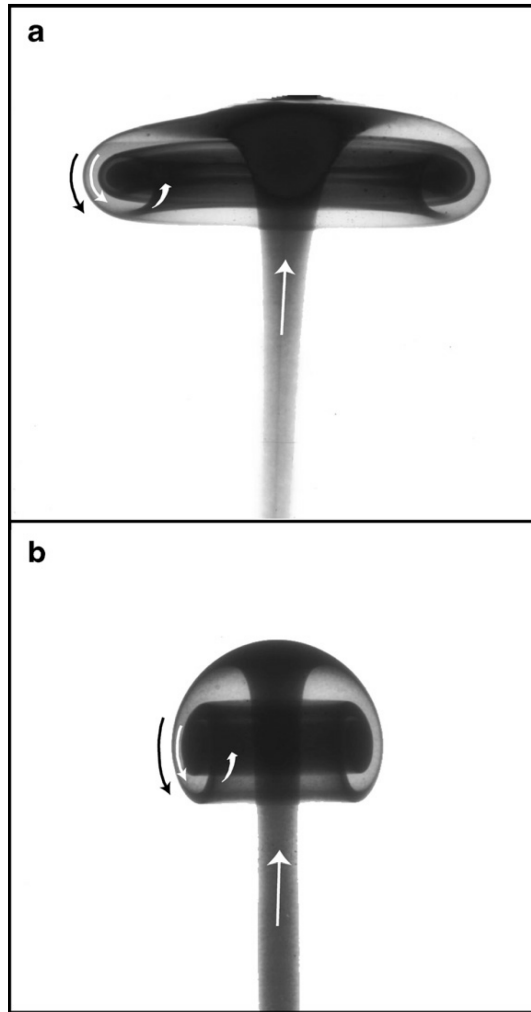


Figure 1.2: Photograph of a laboratory experiment (Griffiths and Campbell, 1990) of a thermal mantle plume (a) after the head flattens out at the base of the lithosphere and (b) part-way through its ascent. White arrows show motion within the plume and the black arrow shows the direction of motion of the surrounding material. The dark colouring indicates hot material from the thermal boundary layer and lighter shades represent cooler entrained material. From Campbell (2007).

$^{235}\text{U}$ ,  $^{232}\text{Th}$  and  $^{147}\text{Sm}$  decay series.  $^3\text{He}$  is not produced in the Earth's mantle, so high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values represent a long-lived primordial source (Porcelli and Balentine, 2002) that has been stored since the Earth's formation. It has long been recognised that a number of plume-related ocean island basalt (OIB) and LIP provinces have higher  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  than that of mid-ocean ridge basalts (MORB) (e.g. Kurz, 1982; Hart et al., 1992; Stuart et al., 2003), which have values of  $8 \pm 1 R/R_a$ , where  $R = ^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and  $R_a = 1.39 \times 10^{-6}$ , the atmospheric value. It is on this basis that many have argued in the past for two-layer mantle convection and

that plumes sample a deep reservoir that has remained undegassed and convectively isolated from the upper mantle MORB source since Earth's formation (e.g. Kurz, 1982; Kellogg and Wasserburg, 1990; O'Nions and Tolstikhin, 1994; Porcelli and Wasserburg, 1995; Gonnermann and Mukhopadhyay, 2007). However, high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is not ubiquitous in mantle plumes and so called 'low  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ' plumes have also been identified (e.g. Class et al., 2005).

A number of workers have attempted to characterise the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  mantle reservoir using trace element and Sr-Nd-Pb-Hf isotope ratios (e.g. Hofmann, 1997; Class and Goldstein, 2005; Starkey et al., 2009) however, these studies have indicated that the compositional range of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  source is similar to that of the upper mantle and that the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir on Earth does not have a unique composition for any incompatible trace element or isotopic tracer. In addition, recent developments in seismic tomographic imaging provide strong evidence for whole mantle convection. Subducting slabs have been shown to penetrate to well below the 670 km discontinuity (van der Hilst et al., 1997), while low seismic velocities extending to the core-mantle boundary (CMB) have been identified at many hot spot locations (French and Romanowicz, 2015). In summary, the combination of both geochemical and geophysical evidence poses a real problem for the preservation of primordial  $^3\text{He}$  in the mantle and seems to rule out the possibility of a discrete, isolated mantle reservoir. The source of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir therefore remains enigmatic, and its relationship mantle plumes at hotspot locations is an outstanding problem in geosciences.

### 1.1.3 Alternative theories

A number of workers have argued that thermal anomalies are not required to explain LIP volcanism. Some suggest that melting of more fusible mantle is responsible for magmatism at LIPs. For example, Foulger and Anderson (2005a) and Foulger et al. (2005b) suggest that melting of highly fertile subducted Iapetus oceanic crust associated with the Caledonian orogeny is responsible for the enhanced melting beneath Iceland. Still others argue that all large continental flood basalt provinces are found on the margins of thick cratonic lithosphere (usually Archean), which focuses strain, and that the subsequent upwelling is

capable of producing large quantities of basaltic magma (King and Anderson, 1995). However, these ideas are contrary to most workers' views on LIPs and many researchers now accept that mantle plumes play an important role in their formation (e.g. White and McKenzie, 1989). Recent work by Herzberg and Gazel (2009) and Coogan et al. (2014) identified the presence of thermal anomalies in the order of several hundred degrees at multiple LIP locations using completely independent methodologies. When this evidence is added to that from seismic tomographic imaging, it seems unlikely that mantle plumes did not play an important role in volcanism at major LIP locations.

#### 1.1.4 Mantle melting and temperature

It is well established that the mantle is highly heterogeneous (Sun and McDonough, 1989) and is likely to consist of blobs or streaks of fertile material in a more depleted matrix (e.g. Hofmann, 1997; Fitton, 2007). Such heterogeneity is sampled at both hotspots (e.g. Hofmann, 1997, 2003; Dasgupta et al., 2010) and MORs (e.g. Dosso et al., 1999; le Roux et al., 2002; Salters and Dick, 2002). Ito and Mahoney (2005a) showed that it is possible to explain many of the differences in isotopic and trace element composition of MORBs and OIBs without the need for OIBs to sample a convectively isolated layer, simply by melting of a heterogeneous mantle source.

Temperature is a fundamental parameter to melting dynamics at MOR and hotspot locations. At fixed lithosphere thickness, it controls the degree of melting and therefore the magma composition. During mantle melting, it is the enriched source components that begin to melt first (Figure 1.3) and some of these are predicted to be almost 100% melted before the depleted matrix even begins to melt significantly. The relative degrees to which each source is sampled (and therefore the composition of the erupted basalt) is dependent on the interplay between mantle temperature and lithosphere thickness. At MORs, the asthenospheric mantle can upwell almost to the surface, resulting in high degrees of melting and efficient sampling of the depleted matrix at normal mantle temperatures. At hotspot locations where there is a thick lithosphere, small temperature anomalies result in efficient sampling of the more fusible enriched source, whereas a large

temperature anomaly will result in the melting of the depleted matrix (Figure 1.3a) and the magma will subsequently appear more ‘MORB-like’. Essentially, the higher the temperature, the more depleted the composition of a given magma will be. Where a mantle plume rises beneath a MOR or a very young oceanic plate, temperature will have less of an influence on the incompatible trace element and isotope composition of the melt because the degree of melting will be higher and the depleted mantle source plays a more important role.

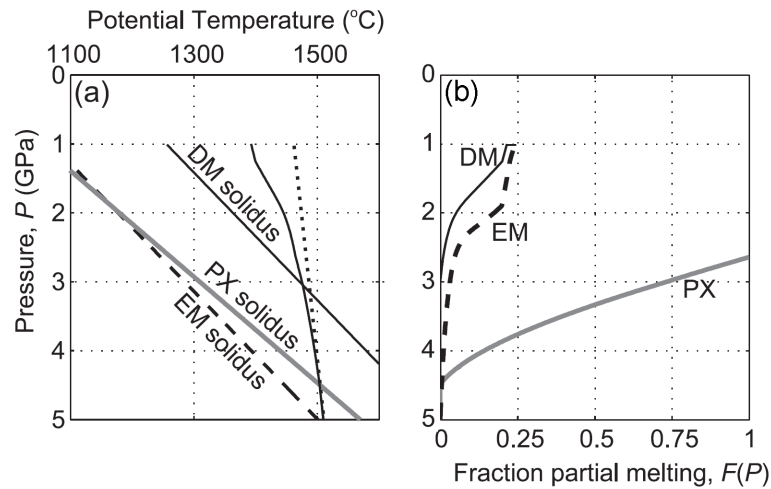


Figure 1.3: (a) Solidi for depleted mantle (DM), which behaves as nominally dry peridotite and is assumed to be most depleted in incompatible trace elements and is isotopically similar to ‘DMM’ (Hart et al., 1992), and the enriched mantle sources: enriched mantle (EM), which is comparable to adding 0.05 wt%  $\text{H}_2\text{O}$  to DM, is enriched in the most incompatible elements and has isotopic characteristics similar to the proposed ‘EM1’ or ‘EM2’ end-members (Hofmann, 1997) and pyroxenite mantle (PX) which represents the compositionally diverse array of mantle lithologies rich in pyroxene with incompatible trace elements similar to MORB and is isotopically similar to ‘HIMU’ (Hofmann, 1997). The adiabat (dotted line) and predicted temperature profile (black curve) are shown for a potential temperature of  $1450^{\circ}\text{C}$ . Melting of EM and PX begins at much greater depths compared to DM. (b) Predicted melting fractions as a function of pressure for each lithology. PX melts to 100% quickly at high pressures and will therefore have a dominant influence on the composition of deep, low-degree melts. Modified from Ito and Mahoney (2005a).

As well as having a strong control on the geochemistry of magmas generated at hotspot locations, mantle temperature is crucial to the volume of melt produced (Figure 1.4) both at hotspots and MORs. Raising the mantle temperature increases the degree to which the geotherm oversteps the mantle solidus, resulting in a higher degree of partial melting. Relatively small changes in mantle temperature can lead to a considerable increase in the production of basaltic melt

(White and Lovell, 1997). For example, at an oceanic spreading centre, an increase in mantle potential temperature of as little as 50°C from 1280°C to 1330°C results in a 50% increase in the volume of basaltic crust generated by decompressional melting of the upwelling mantle (White and Lovell, 1997). This would translate to dramatic changes in the bathymetry of the seafloor. Being able to accurately constrain the temperature of the mantle is therefore fundamental to our understanding of the generation of the Earth's crust.

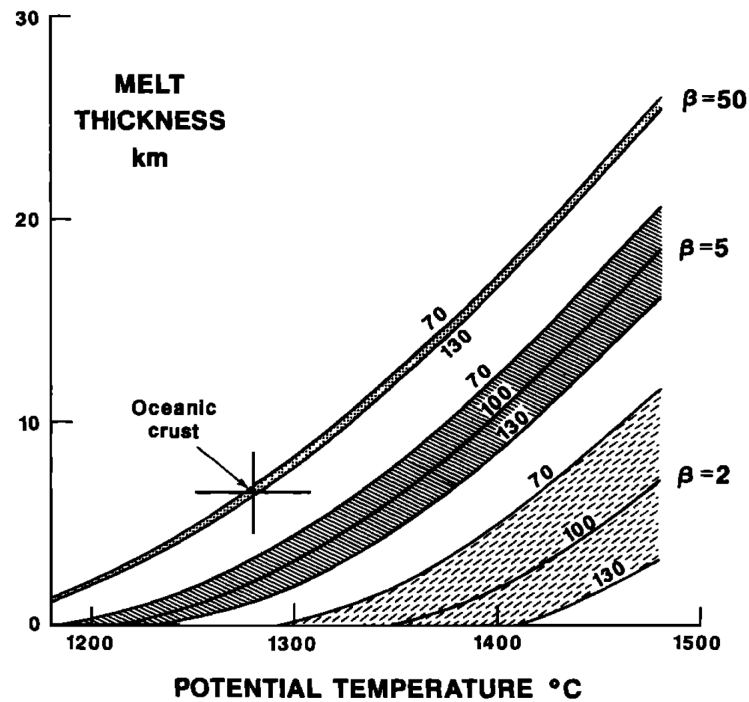


Figure 1.4: Thickness of basaltic melt produced by adiabatic decompression of the asthenospheric mantle over a range of potential temperatures. The importance of mantle temperature is clearly demonstrated whereby relatively small increases result in very large changes in the volume of basaltic crust generated. Curves for initial thickness of the mechanical boundary layer of 70, 100 and 130 km are given, corresponding to lithospheric thicknesses of 87, 118 and 149 km, respectively. Thinning by factors of 2, 5 and 50 are shown. The cross indicates the thickness of oceanic crust at normal mantle temperatures. From White and McKenzie (1989).

### 1.1.5 Project aims and motivation

The North Atlantic Igneous Province (NAIP) is unique in the fact that it is the surface expression of a major mantle plume with a complete magmatic history.

Present-day magmatism at Iceland represents the plume-tail phase of activity and is connected to the Atlantic Paleogene igneous provinces representing the plume-head phase of activity by a hotspot trail (the Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe Ridge). In addition, the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  volcanic rocks on Earth are found in the Paleogene picrites of West Greenland and Baffin Island (Stuart et al., 2003; Starkey et al., 2009) and high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  magmas are still erupted on Iceland today (Kurz et al., 1985; Breddam et al., 2000; Macpherson et al., 2005a). The main aim of this project is to exploit the ideal opportunity provided by the NAIP to investigate the relationship between temperature, mantle melting dynamics, and helium isotopes within a major mantle plume throughout its lifetime. In order to achieve this, a suite of primitive volcanic rocks spanning the spatial and temporal range of the NAIP will be examined. The samples are all Mg-rich, highly primitive igneous rocks and will therefore contain the most information about the mantle temperature. The sample suite includes the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  picrites from Baffin Island and West Greenland, a suite of picrites from Skye, Rum and Mull, the 13-14 Ma high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  picrites from Iceland, and zero-age picrites and primitive basalts from Iceland. This study is the first to provide a detailed petrologic approach to determining the mantle temperature of the NAIP throughout its magmatic history, from the onset of volcanism between 62 and 61 Ma, through to the present day. To do this, three main approaches for calculating magmatic temperature are used: the traditional technique of olivine-melt thermometry, a forward mantle melting model, and the newly developed Al-in-olivine thermometer. This work is the first to examine all techniques and provide a detailed comparison of the results. The temperature results will then be compared with existing and new  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  data in order to gain a better understanding of their relationship within a mantle plume and how they relate to mantle dynamics on a global scale.

## 1.2 The North Atlantic Igneous Province

The NAIP is one of the most extensively studied LIPs in the world. The province extends from Baffin Island in Eastern Canada, to the British Isles, a pre-drift distance of nearly 2000 km. Estimates of the total volume of magma erupted exceed  $6 \times 10^6 \text{ km}^3$  (Saunders et al., 1997), making the NAIP one of the largest LIPs on Earth. Magmatism began between 62 and 61 Ma (Table 1.1), and has

continued until the present day, with two major phases of volcanism that began at  $\sim 62$  and  $\sim 56$  Ma, respectively (Saunders et al., 1997). The NAIP comprises the flood basalt provinces of Baffin Island, West Greenland, East Greenland, Faeroe Islands and the British Isles, the extensive offshore seaward dipping reflector series (SDRS) erupted along the east Greenland and northwest Europe continental margins and the Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe ridge (Figure 1.5).

Table 1.1: Onset of Phase 1 magmatism across the NAIP at different locations. Data from <sup>a</sup>Ganerød et al. (2010), <sup>b</sup>Pedersen et al. (2002), <sup>c</sup>Storey et al. (2007).

Location	Age (Ma)
West Greenland <sup>a</sup>	$61.7 \pm 0.5$
Baffin Island <sup>b</sup>	62-61.7
British Tertiary Igneous Province <sup>a</sup>	$62.6 \pm 0.6$
East Greenland <sup>c</sup>	$59.2 \pm 1.4$ Ma
Faeroes <sup>a</sup>	$60.1 \pm 0.6$

### 1.2.1 The NAIP and the mantle plume model

The NAIP conforms to many of the predictions of the mantle plume model (Griffiths and Campbell, 1990; Campbell, 2007). Firstly, it is predicted that plumes consist of a large head, followed by a narrow tail, so that initial volcanism is the most voluminous and erupts over a period of only a few million years, followed by lower eruption rates of narrow volcanic chains which connect the initial flood basalt province to melting in the narrower plume tail. In the North Atlantic, the initial phases of volcanism prior to and during continental separation were the most voluminous and occurred over a narrow time period, with most of Phase 1 and Phase 2 volcanism each lasting only 3-4 million years (Saunders et al., 1997). The Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe Ridge (GIFR) represents the subsequent hotspot trail of the plume tail and connects the flood basalt provinces representing the plume-head stage of activity to the present-day location of the plume beneath Iceland.

The arrival of an anomalously hot plume head in the upper mantle is predicted

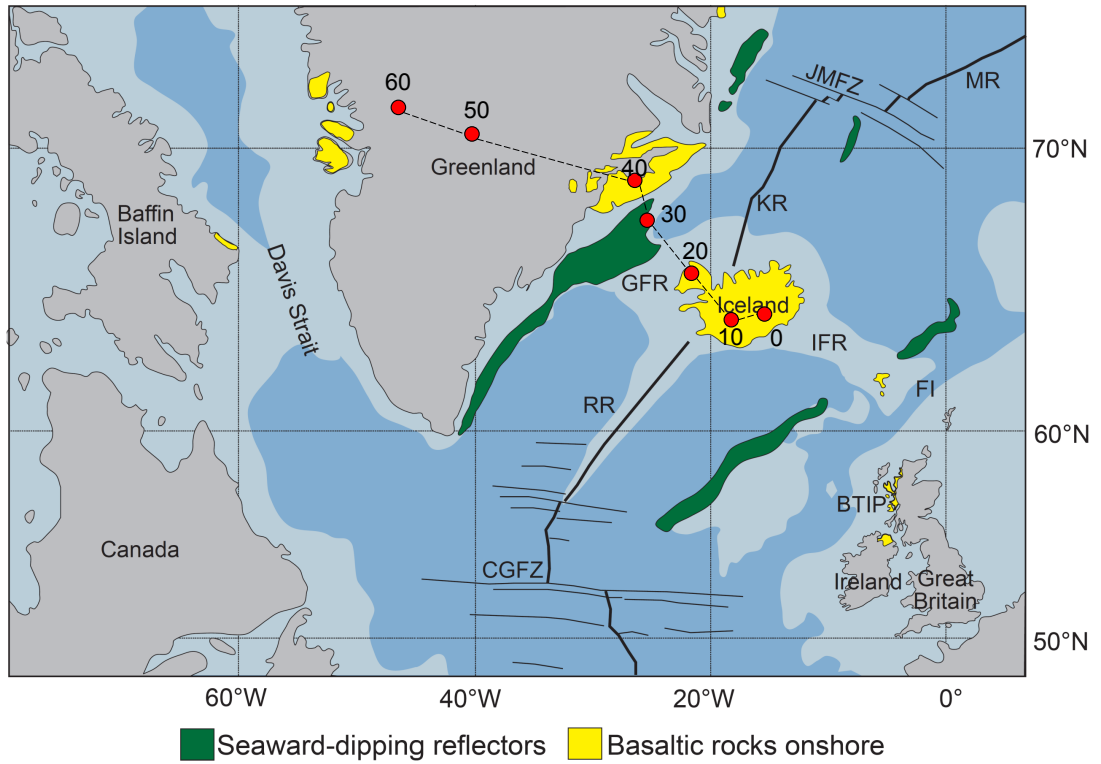


Figure 1.5: Map of the North Atlantic Igneous province and location of onshore and offshore plateau basalts and SDRS. Plume track from 60 Ma to present is shown by the dashed line as calculated by Lawver and Müller (1994). CGFZ = Charlie Gibbs Fracture Zone, RR = Reykjanes Ridge, GFR = Greenland-Faeroes Ridge, IFR = Iceland-Faeroes Ridge, FI = Faeroe Islands, KR = Kolbeinsey Ridge, JMFZ = Jan Mayen Fracture Zone, MR = Mohns Ridge, BTIP = British Tertiary Igneous Province.

to produce domal uplift at the surface (Griffiths and Campbell, 1990; Campbell, 2007). Uplift begins when the top of the plume reaches the upper mantle and is at its maximum when the plume head is at 250 km below the surface. Since this is too deep for extensive melting to occur, the onset of voluminous magmatism is therefore preceded by a period of uplift. For a plume head with an average excess temperature of  $100^{\circ}\text{C}$ , this uplift is estimated to be  $1000 \pm 500$  m close to the plume axis and will decrease away from it (Griffiths and Campbell, 1991a). Evidence for uplift preceding Phase 1 volcanism can be found across the NAIP, for example, around the British Isles, where Upper Cretaceous marine sediments are overlain by Paleocene subaerial flood basalts (Emeleus and Bell, 2005). At other localities across the NAIP, including Northern Ireland (Saunders et al., 2007), East Greenland (Clift and Turner, 1995; Ukstins Peate et al., 2003) and West Greenland (Dam et al., 1998), the uplift is generally estimated to be in the



order of 400 m.

Another prediction of the plume model is that picrites should dominate early products of flood volcanism. Mantle entrainment results in a heterogeneous temperature distribution within the plume head, and the hottest (and hence most buoyant) material from the plume source forms the top of the head (Figure 1.2), and so is the first to ascend to a level where it can melt. This hot Mg-rich material will melt to form picrites, and so if the magmas do not stall and fractionate within the crust, picrites will dominate the early products of flood volcanism, becoming more uncommon as cooler material reaches a level where it can melt. Picrites are predicted to be most abundant near the centre of the plume and decrease towards the margin. In the NAIP, picrites dominate early volcanism in West Greenland and Baffin Island, with high-Mg successions reaching thicknesses of around 1800 m (Larsen and Pedersen, 2000) and 300 m (Francis, 1985) at each location respectively.

### 1.2.2 History and geology of the NAIP

During the Mesozoic, stretching and thinning of the lithosphere had produced a series of offshore basins in the North Atlantic region (Srivastava and Tapscott, 1986) and these were partly precursors to continental separation. Seafloor spreading began in the North Atlantic at  $\sim 130$  Ma, when Iberia separated from Newfoundland (Saunders et al., 1997). Spreading extended northwards into Rockall Trough, and was underway everywhere south of Greenland by 84 Ma. At this time, spreading ceased in the Rockall Trough (Kristoffersen, 1978; Roberts et al., 1981), and by 61 Ma, the axis of break-up had shifted westwards and was propagating northwards between Labrador and Greenland.

Prior to  $\sim 62$  Ma, there is little evidence of large-volume volcanic activity in the region, but between  $\sim 62$  and 59 Ma (Table 1.1), a massive flare-up of volcanic activity occurred (Phase 1), producing large volumes of picrites, basalts and associated intrusives, in Baffin Island, West Greenland, SE Greenland, East Greenland, the Faeroe Islands and the British Isles, across a disk-shaped region 2000 km in diameter (Figure 1.6; Saunders et al., 1997). Such a sudden outburst in large-volume volcanism across such a wide area is thought to re-

quire a widespread sudden increase in mantle temperature, and is attributed to the arrival of the mantle plume now situated beneath Iceland (e.g. White and McKenzie, 1989; Saunders et al., 1997). Beneath the pre-existing thin spots, hot mantle could decompress to shallow enough levels to undergo melting (Thompson and Gibson, 1991).

The second main phase of magmatism (Phase 2) followed a brief hiatus in volcanism of up to 3 million years and accompanied continental break-up and the separation of Greenland from NW Europe (Figure 1.6; Saunders et al., 1997). The extent to which the plume influenced continental separation is unclear, but the main axis of seafloor spreading moved to the east of Greenland at  $\sim 56$  Ma, soon after the arrival of the plume (Saunders et al., 1997). Magmatism at the initial stages of plate separation during this second phase of volcanism was the most intense observed in the NAIP (Saunders et al., 1997). Flood basalts reaching thicknesses of  $>5$  km were erupted along the East Greenland coast (e.g. Larsen et al., 1989) and at the Faeroe Isles (Waagstein, 1988), while even thicker and more extensive SDRS were erupted offshore along the continental shelves of east Greenland and Norway, and at Rockall (Ritchie and Hitchen, 1996).

Plate tectonic reconstructions (Lawver and Müller, 1994) place the centre of the plume close to the centre of Greenland between 60 and 50 Ma (Figure 1.5 and 1.6), however others have placed it near to the east coast (Brooks, 1973; Brooks and Nielsen, 1982; White and McKenzie, 1989). The plume axis crossed the East Greenland coast at 40-35 Ma (Lawver and Müller, 1994), reaching the Mid-Atlantic Ridge at  $\sim 25$  Ma (Vink, 1984). The Greenland-Iceland-Faeroes ridge is a hotspot ‘track’ and connects Iceland to the Phase 1 and Phase 2 volcanic provinces that represent the plume-head stage of activity. It comprises a broad strip of shallow ocean with thicker-than-average oceanic crust of 20-35 km, the result of high volumes of melt and anomalously hot material uplifting the ocean floor (White and Lovell, 1997; Darbyshire et al., 1998). Since  $\sim 25$  Ma, the Mid-Atlantic Ridge has remained locked above the plume axis, and the hot mantle in the core of the plume beneath the spreading axis has led to extensive melting, creating a thick oceanic plateau with Iceland representing the subaerial extent of the plateau. Spreading continued in the Labrador Sea at a reduced rate until  $\sim 36$  Ma (Saunders et al., 1997), leaving only one active spreading axis, that rapidly propagated northwards between Norway and Greenland into the Arctic Ocean

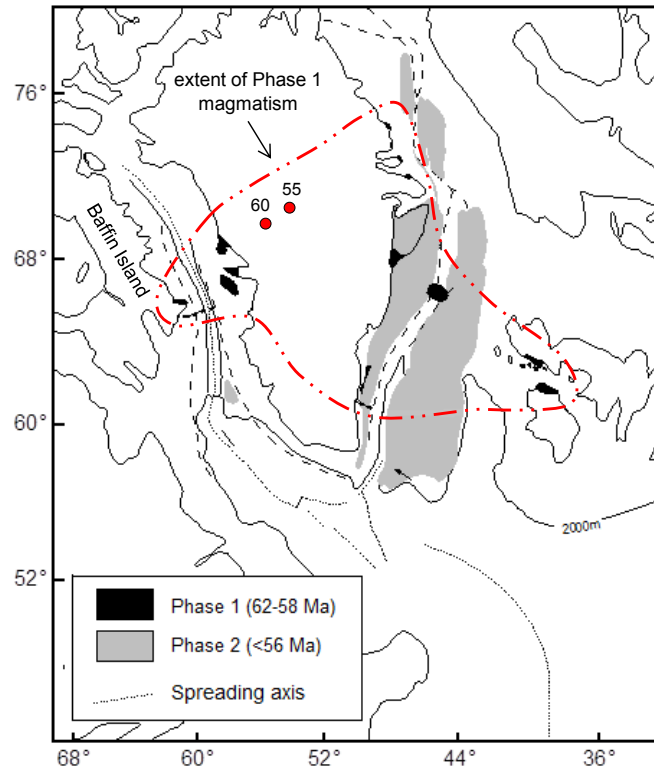


Figure 1.6: Tectonic reconstruction of the North Atlantic Igneous Province at  $\sim 61$  Ma showing the distribution of Phase 1 and 2 magmatism. The dashed line indicates the extent of Phase 1 magmatism. The circles indicate the calculated locations of the centre of the Iceland plume at 55 and 60 Ma, as calculated by Lawver and Müller (1994). Modified from Saunders et al. (1997).

and remains active today.

### 1.2.3 West Greenland

Phase 1 volcanism in West Greenland (Figure 1.7) began at  $61.7 \pm 0.5$  Ma (Gan-erød et al., 2010) and lasted around one million years (Pedersen et al., 2002). The erupted volcanic pile has an estimated total volume of  $68,000 \text{ km}^3$  (Larsen and Pedersen, 2009). It is divided into two parts, a lower part comprising dominantly picrites of around  $22,000 \text{ km}^3$ , and an upper part consisting of basalts (Clarke and Pedersen, 1976). The picrites are formally known as the Vaigat Formation and are very Mg-rich, ranging up to 30 wt% MgO (Larsen and Pedersen, 2000). The lavas were erupted onto Cretaceous and Tertiary sediments of the Nuussuaq Basin, except in the far east where they were erupted directly onto the Precam-

brian basement (Pedersen et al., 1993, 1996, 1998). Five picrite samples with high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  were selected for this study and form part of the Vaigat Formation on Disko Island and the Nuussuaq Peninsula.

### 1.2.4 Baffin Island

The Baffin Island volcanic rocks outcrop in a narrow fringe running roughly NW-SE along 90 km of coast from Cape Searle southwards (Figure 1.7), and are considered to be stratigraphically equivalent to the West Greenland volcanic sequence (Upton, 1988). They have a much smaller areal extent and thickness than their West Greenland counterparts, comprising a 300 m succession of picrites and an upper part made up of basalt flows, with a total thickness not exceeding 750 m (Francis, 1985). As in West Greenland, they were erupted onto Tertiary sediments and Precambrian basement and their magnetic polarity implies an age of 62.0-61.7 Ma (Pedersen et al., 2002). The West Greenland and Baffin Island volcanic provinces contain an unusually high proportion (30-50% by volume) of picrites compared to other continental flood basalt provinces (Gill et al., 1992). Seven picrite samples from Baffin Island were selected for this study that were collected from Padloping Island, Durban Island and Akpat Point.

### 1.2.5 The British Tertiary Igneous Province

The British Tertiary Igneous Province (BTIP) is made up of many separate areas of volcanic activity that was most vigorous in the Inner Hebrides and north-west Scotland, but also extended to southern Scotland, northeast Ireland, northeast England and the Outer Hebrides. The volcanic activity took many forms and involved a variety of magmas and eruption styles, and took place from  $62.6 \pm 0.6$  Ma (Ganerød et al., 2010) to  $55.7 \pm 0.1$  Ma (Emeleus and Bell, 2005). The remains of extensive accumulations of basaltic lava flows cover large areas of Skye, Mull and northeast Ireland. Central intrusive complexes consisting of peridotite, gabbro, granite and other rock types, occur in a narrow north-south trending zone approximately 40 km wide, from Skye to the Bristol Channel, and at several other places in the northeast Atlantic (e.g. St Kilda). In Scotland, the main cen-

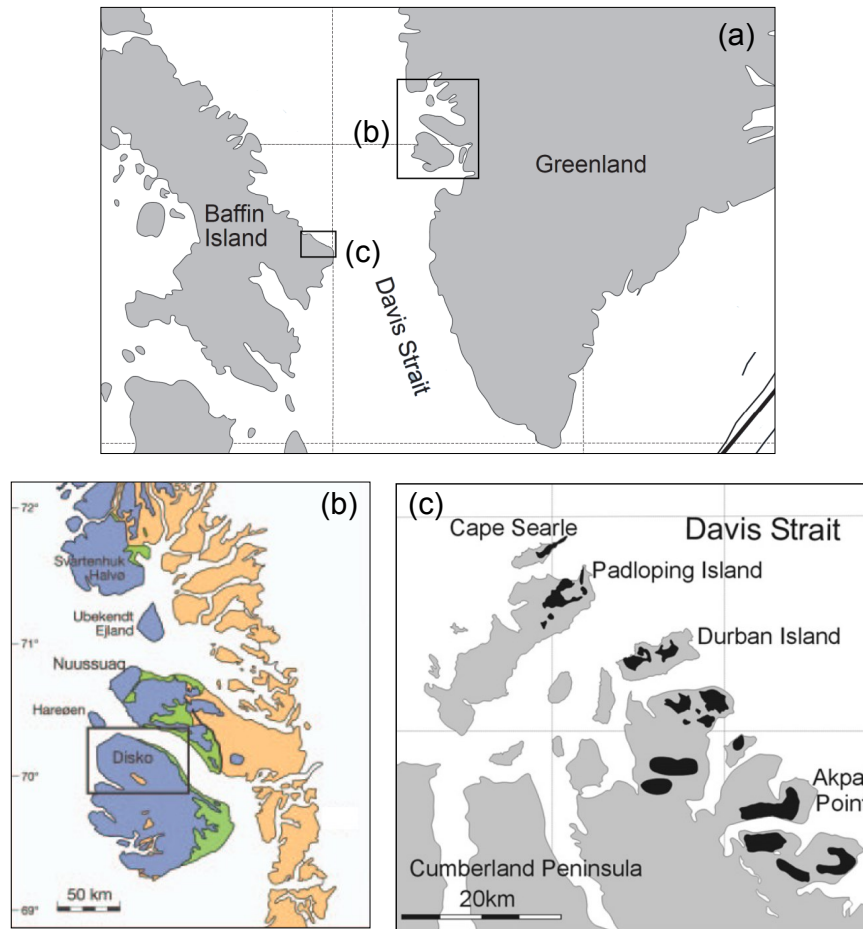


Figure 1.7: Maps showing the location of Phase 1 onshore volcanic rocks in (b) West Greenland and (c) Baffin Island. From Starkey et al. (2009).

tral complexes are found on Skye, Rum, Ardnamurchan, Mull and Arran. Several northwest-southeast trending regional dyke swarms cross the region, reflecting a northeast-southwest extensional stress system (England, 1988), and extend from the Outer Hebrides and northeast Ireland to north Yorkshire, north Wales and parts of central England, intensifying in the vicinity of the central complexes. Figure 1.8 shows the location of the main igneous activity in Scotland and northeast Ireland.

Thinning of the lithosphere during the late Paleozoic and Mesozoic produced a series of major sedimentary basins that trend approximately north-south (Figure 1.9). During the Permian and Triassic, thick sequences of desert and fluvial sandstones accumulated, with a progressive change to marine conditions during

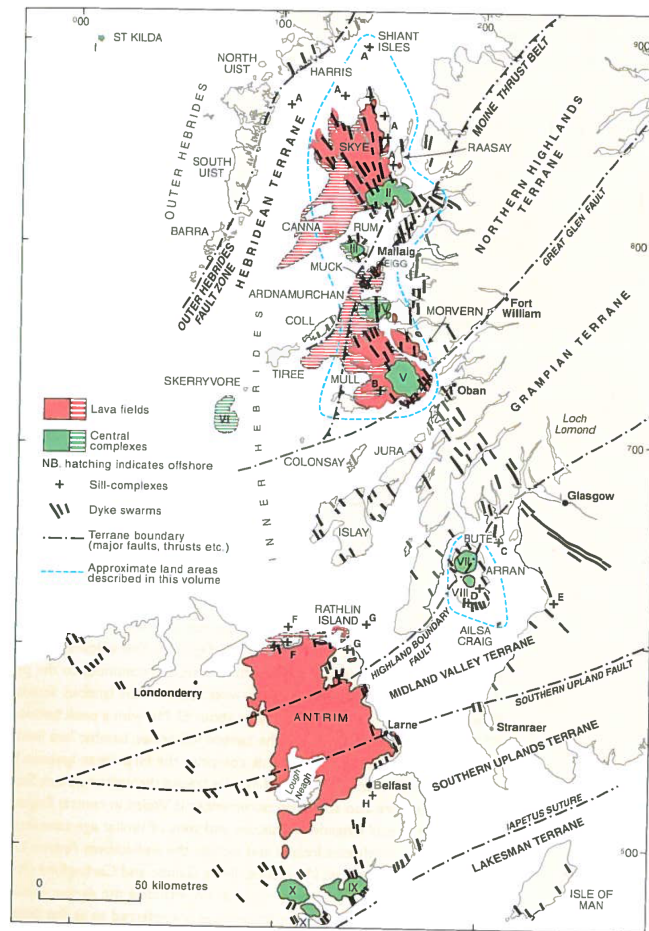


Figure 1.8: Map showing the positions of the Paleogene central complexes, sill complexes, lava fields and dyke swarms in western Scotland and northeast Ireland. From Emeleus and Bell (2005).

the Jurassic, followed by the accumulation of marine sandstones and chalks during the Cretaceous (Emeleus and Bell, 2005). These sedimentary basins had an important structural control on the BTIP, as they appear to have influenced the location of the central complexes, and possibly the accumulation of the lava fields. The central complexes are situated where Mesozoic or older Paleozoic structures cross the north-south trending zone. For example, the Mull Central Complex occurs on the trace of the Great Glen Fault, and the Skye and Rum central complexes are situated close to the Camasunary Fault, a major structure forming part of the boundary of the Inner Hebrides Basin (Emeleus and Bell, 2005).

Rapid regional uplift and resultant erosion between the Late Cretaceous and the early Paleocene gave rise to a land surface on which the first volcanic products

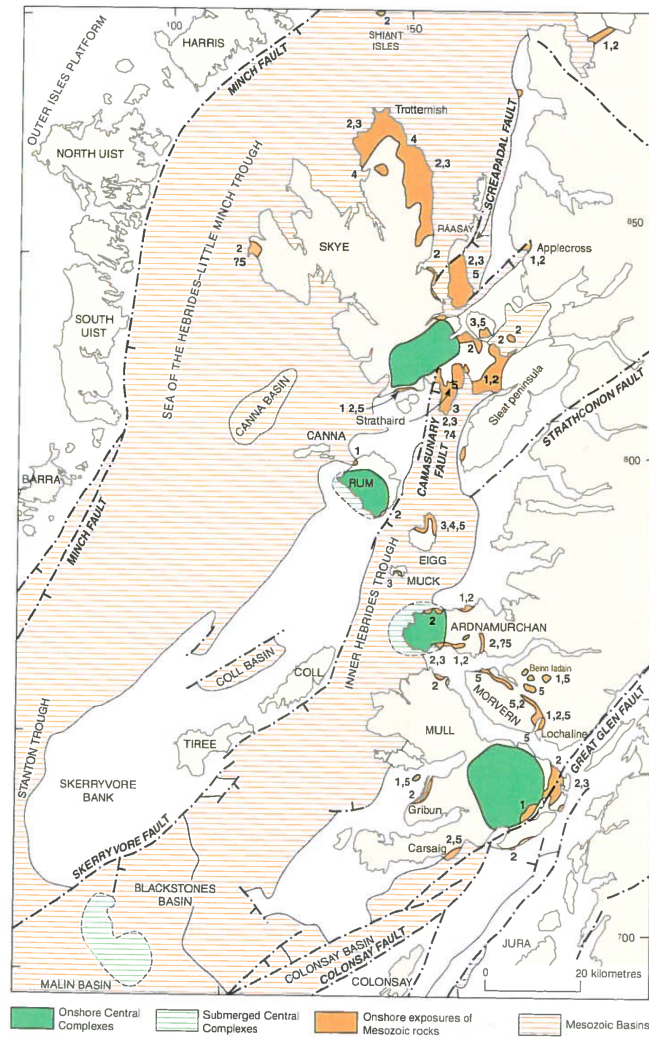


Figure 1.9: Map of the Inner Hebrides showing the position of offshore Mesozoic basins, the locations of Mesozoic rocks onshore and the positions of the Paleogene central complexes. 1 Permo-Triassic; 2 Lower Jurassic, 3 Middle Jurassic, 4, Upper Jurassic; 5 Upper Cretaceous. From Emeleus and Bell (2005).

were erupted. For example, on Mull, the earliest lava flows were erupted onto a land surface of Late Cretaceous marine sediments. The lavas are thick, dominantly basaltic flows that were fed from the multitude of dyke swarms intruding the BTIP, forming fissure eruptions similar to those occurring on present-day Iceland. Today the dyke swarms are seen to intrude almost every volcanic product in the BTIP, and so it is likely that lava eruption continued throughout the duration of magmatic activity.

The central complexes generally postdate the lava fields and represent a funda-

mental change in the character of igneous activity, from the widespread feeders of the dominantly basaltic lava fields, to localised and intense volcanic activity at compositionally diverse central volcanoes, with intrusive rocks ranging in composition from peridotite to gabbro to granite. The central complexes are the eroded remains of the roots of major volcanoes at these centres. Radiometric and paleomagnetic dating indicate that individual lava fields were erupted in little over one million years, and that the life span of individual central complexes may have been equally short (Emeleus and Bell, 2005).

## Skye

On Skye, most of the volcanic activity is thought to have occurred in less than 3 million years, although the total duration was  $\sim 7$  million years (Chambers and Pringle, 2001). The first volcanic activity on Skye was the eruption of a 1.2-1.7 km thick succession of flood basalts, exposed in the north, west and central areas of Skye (Figure 1.10) over an area of 1500 km<sup>2</sup> (Thompson, 1982; Emaleus, 1991; England, 1994; Williamson and Bell, 1994). The lavas are thought to have been erupted over an interval of less than 1.6 million years (Emaleus and Bell, 2005), beginning at  $59.8 \pm 0.4$  Ma (Ganerød et al., 2010).

Towards the end of the fissure-style flood volcanism, a central intrusive complex developed in which four magmatic centres successively formed as the focus of igneous activity migrated eastward. From oldest to youngest, these are the Cuillin centre, which is dominantly mafic, and the Srath na Creitheach, Western Red Hills and Eastern Red Hills centres, which are dominantly granitic (Emaleus and Bell, 2005). The emplacement of gabbros of the Cuillin Centre are dated at  $58.9 \pm 0.1$  Ma (Hamilton et al., 1998) and intrude the Skye Lava Group. Ages of  $58.6 \pm 0.3$  Ma (Chambers and Pringle, 2001) and  $53.5 \pm 0.8$  Ma (Dickin, 1981) have been reported for granites from the Western Red Hills and Eastern Red Hills centres respectively.

The Cuillin complex represents the deep core of a large basaltic volcano. It has an average diameter of 8 km and the overlying succession comprising the original volcano, estimated to have had a thickness of 2 km (Tibaldi et al., 2011), has been completely removed by erosion. The complex consists of gabbroic and peridotitic



ring-intrusions, some of which exhibit well-developed mineral layering. In general, the intrusions are older around the margin of the centre and progressively young inwards (Emeleus and Bell, 2005). The main intrusions are cut by numerous cone sheets which are in turn cut by northwest trending basaltic dykes. The picrite samples from Skye studied here are a suite of olivine-rich dykes (up to 30 cm wide) that intrude the outer gabbros of the Cuillin central complex (Figure 1.10) and were first described by Drever and Johnston (1958).

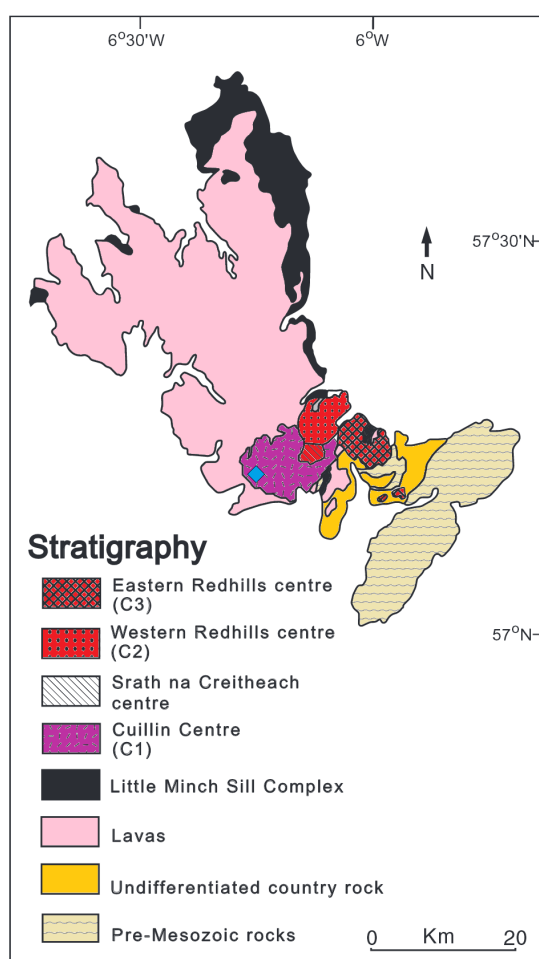


Figure 1.10: Simplified geological map of Skye showing the main divisions of Tertiary igneous rocks. The location of the picrite samples is indicated by the blue marker. Modified from Fowler et al. (2004).

## Rum

Rum lies on a ridge of Precambrian rocks that separates two Mesozoic basins, the Sea of the Hebrides and the Inner Hebrides (Figure 1.9). Igneous activity began with the eruption of basaltic lava flows of the Eigg Lava Formation dated at  $61.2 \pm 0.3$  (Ganerød et al., 2010). However, on Rum, these are only exposed as faulted relics associated with Jurassic sediments (Smith, 1985; Emeleus et al., 1996). The Rum Central Complex was emplaced into the thick succession of fluvial sandstones that form the Proterozoic Torridon Group. There were at least three distinct phases of igneous and tectonic activity. Phase 1 was dominated by silicic magmatism, the development of an arcuate system of faults termed the Main Ring Fault (Figure 1.11), and caldera formation (Emeleus and Bell, 2005). Phase 2 marks a change to dominantly basaltic magmatism with the intrusion of cone sheets, northwest-trending dykes, the emplacement of gabbros and layered ultrabasic rocks, and an array of minor intrusions. The intrusions from Phase 2 were emplaced at  $60.5 \pm 0.2$  Ma (Hamilton et al., 1998) and involved large volumes of primitive basaltic magma. Cessation of igneous activity was followed by Phase 3, which was marked by deep subaerial erosion and unroofing of the central complex. The emplacement of the entire central complex occurred over about 1 million years (Emeleus and Bell, 2005), similar to other central complexes in the region. The Rum picrite samples described in this study are two dykes (M9 and R10) from the Phase 2 Eastern and Western Layered intrusions of the Rum Central Complex (Figure 1.11).

## Mull

Mull is one of the largest igneous centres within the BTIP. The base of the Mull lava field is dated at  $60.6 \pm 0.3$  Ma (Chambers and Pringle, 2001) and covers an area of  $840 \text{ km}^2$  (Figure 1.12), with a present-day thickness of nearly 1000 m. Zeolite mineral compositions suggest that approximately 1000 m has been eroded off the top of the lava pile (Walker, 1971). Fissure eruptions feeding the lava flows eventually gave way to the development of a central volcanic complex. Cross-cutting intrusions within the complex indicate that the igneous activity was concentrated around three centres (Bailey et al., 1924) that gradually shifted

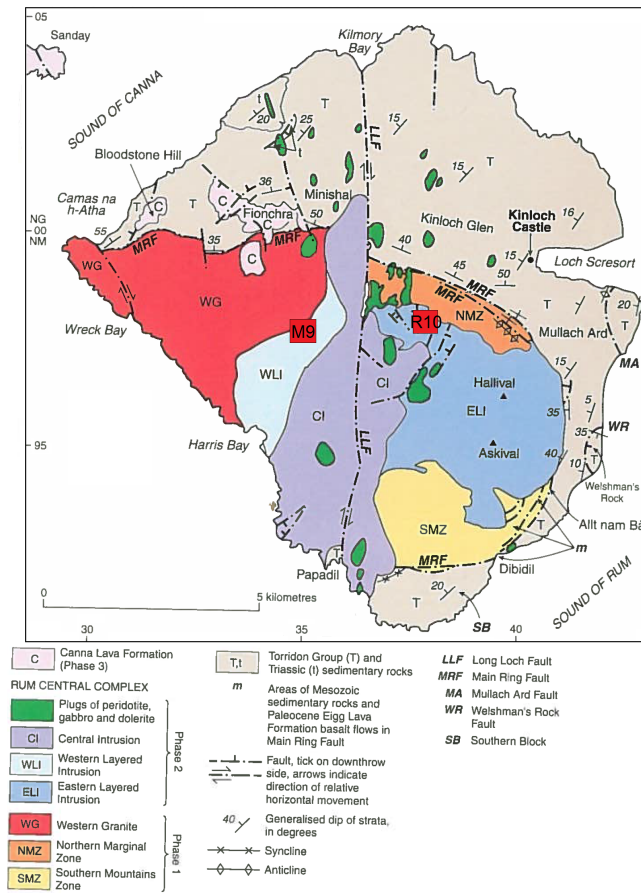


Figure 1.11: A simplified geological map of the Isle of Rum showing the principle divisions of the Rum Central Complex. The Rum picrite locations are indicated with a red marker. Modified from Emeleus and Bell (2005).

northwestwards (Figure 1.12) through time. Centres 1 and 3 are considered to be related to the development of calderas (Emeleus and Bell, 2005). The last intrusion in the central complex is the Loch Ba ring dyke from Centre 3, dated at  $58.5 \pm 0.2$  Ma (Chambers and Pringle, 2001). Finally, the whole area was cut by the regional northwest-trending dyke swarm. The dykes that cross-cut the Loch Ba ring dyke are dated at  $58.12 \pm 0.13$  Ma (Chambers and Pringle, 2001). The picrite samples from Mull in this study are a suite of large dyke-like bodies that intrude the Centre 1 complex and Mull plateau lavas in the southeast of the island (Figure 1.12).

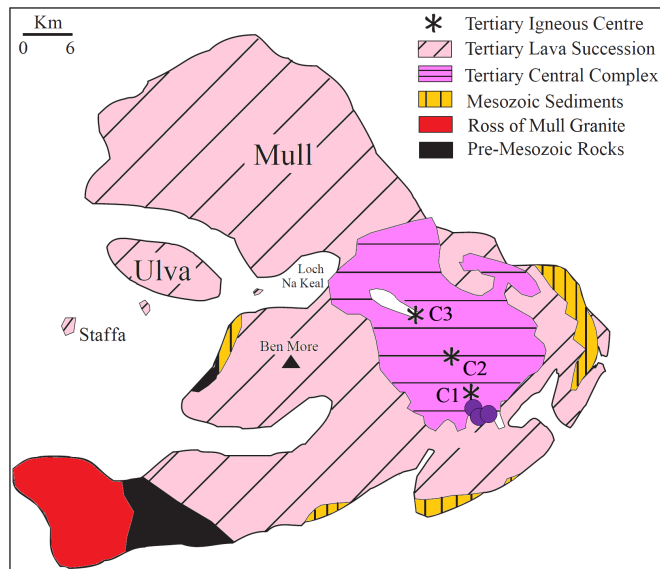


Figure 1.12: A simplified geological map of the Isle of Mull showing the position of the three igneous centres within the central volcano, seen to move northwestwards through time. The locations of the Mull picrites are indicated by the purple markers. Modified from Chambers and Pringle (2001).

### 1.2.6 Iceland

Iceland represents the only part of the NAIP that remains volcanically active and marks the location of the mantle plume rising beneath the Mid-Atlantic spreading axis (Saunders et al., 1997). It is surrounded by a large basalt plateau and is located at the junction of two major oceanic structures, the Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe Ridge, and the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (Figure 1.13). Iceland is connected to the flood basalt provinces that represent the plume-head stage of volcanic activity via the GIFR hotspot trail. The basalt plateau covers an area of around 350,000 km<sup>2</sup>, and is raised more than 3000 m above the surrounding seafloor, with a crustal thickness of 10-40 km (Thordarson, 2007). About 30% of the plateau is above sea level, and the remainder forms the 50-200 km-wide shelf surrounding Iceland. The construction of the plateau is thought to have begun at around 25 Ma (e.g. Kristjansson, 1982), i.e. when the spreading axis became locked over the plume (e.g. Saunders et al., 1997). The spreading axis in Iceland continues to drift northwestwards with respect to the plume, but is periodically recaptured in rift relocation cycles (Hardarson et al., 1997). As a result, the very oldest rocks in Iceland are exposed in the far northwest.

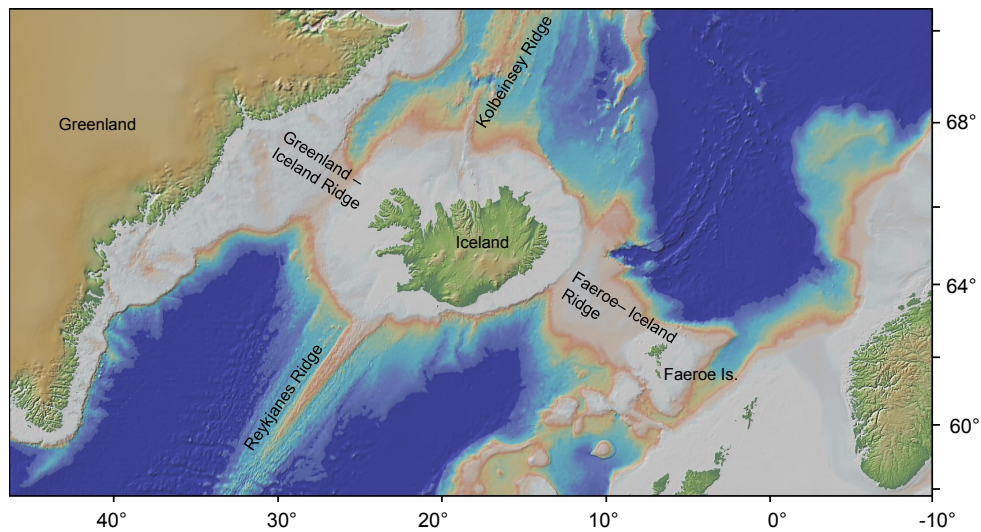


Figure 1.13: Bathymetric map of the North Atlantic region near Iceland. Iceland is an elevated basalt plateau in the middle of the Northeast Atlantic and is located at the junction of the Reykjanes Ridge and Kolbeinsey Ridge segments of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, and the Greenland-Iceland-Faeroes Ridge, which connects Iceland to the early plume-head flood basalt provinces.

Current volcanic activity in Iceland is found on the neovolcanic zones (<0.7 million years old), 15-50 km wide belts of active faulting and volcanism (e.g. Sæmundsson, 1979; Vink, 1984; Hardarson et al., 1997; Thordarson, 2007). The neovolcanic zones may be divided into two tectonic groups (Sæmundsson, 1979), the axial rift zones and the off-axis (or flank) zones. Figure 1.14 shows the location of the main geological subdivisions, volcanic zones and rift zones in Iceland.

The axial rift zones include the West (WVZ) and North (NVZ) Volcanic Zones, which are joined by the Mid-Iceland Belt (MIB) and may be viewed as extensions of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge, linked by the Reykjanes Volcanic Zone (RVZ) in the south, and the Tjörnes Fracture Zone (TFZ) in the North. They are typified by tholeiitic magmatism with small amounts of silicic and intermediate rocks (Thordarson, 2007), and are characterised by tensional tectonics and active rifting, with both central and fissure eruptions present. The East Volcanic Zone (EVZ) is an axial rift that is in the process of taking over from the WVZ (Thordarson, 2007). The EVZ has formed by southwestwards propagation of volcanism through pre-existing crust and is presently the most active volcanic region in Iceland. It is here that the thickest crust (>40 km) in Iceland is found (e.g. Kaban and Pálmarsson, 2002), due to its location above the centre of the plume conduit. Tryggvason et al. (1983) and Wolfe et al. (1997) used seismological studies to image a 100-200

km wide cylindrical low velocity zone beneath southeast Iceland, and a regional gravity minimum occurs here also (Eysteinnsson and Gunnarsson, 1995).

The flank zones are two active intraplate volcanic belts of mildly alkalic magmatism (Thordarson, 2007), with lower discharge rates than at the main axial rift zones (Jakobsson, 1972). These are the Snæfellsnes Volcanic Belt (SVB) and the Öräfi Volcanic Belt (OVV). These zones have poorly developed extensional features, little evidence of rifting, and their mildly alkalic character is consistent with small-degree melts derived from greater depths than the tholeiites of the axial zones (Saunders et al., 1997).

Rocks older than 0.7 million years are known as the marginal zones and make up more than two-thirds of Iceland (Figure 1.14). The oldest crust is found in the northwest, where basalts up to 16 million years old are found (Hardarson et al., 1997). In eastern Iceland, the oldest crust is  $\sim 13$ -14 million years old (Watkins and Walker, 1977).

Two groups of Icelandic picrites and primitive basalts are used as part of this study. The first group are from the Tertiary Basalt Formation (Figure 1.14) representing some of the oldest rocks on the island. They include the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  volcanic rocks on Iceland (Ellam and Stuart, 2004) with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  up to  $37 R/R_a$ . The second group of samples are from the active neovolcanic zones, with samples from the RVZ, EVZ and NVZ (Figure 1.14).

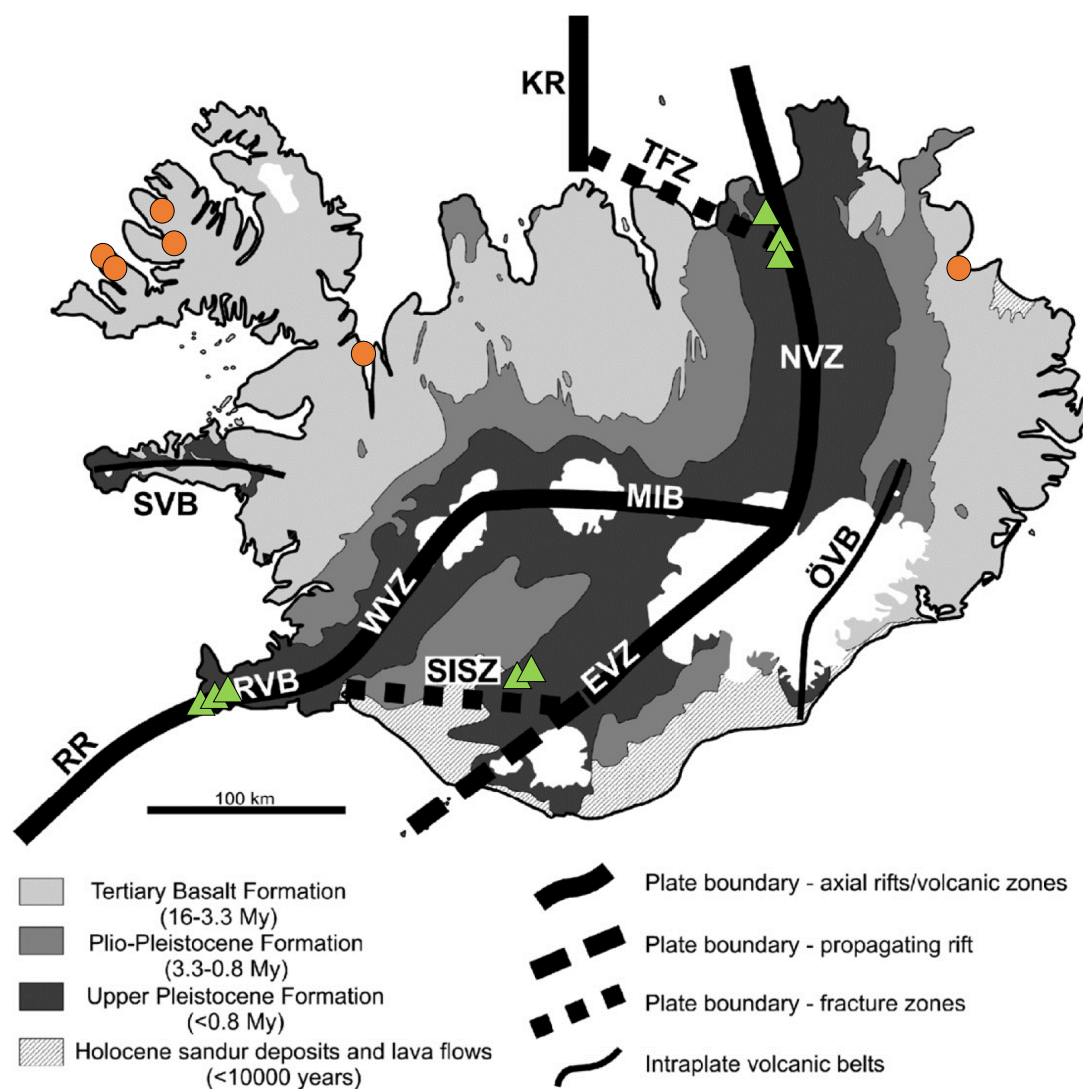


Figure 1.14: A simplified geological map of Iceland, outlining the location of the major geological subdivisions and the main volcanic and fault zones. RR = Reykjanes Ridge, RVB = Reykjanes Volcanic Belt, SISZ = South Iceland Seismic Zone, WVZ = Western Volcanic Zone, EVZ = East Volcanic Zone, MIB = Mid-Iceland Belt, NVZ = North Volcanic Zone, TFZ = Tjörnes Fracture Zone, KR = Kolbeinsey Ridge, ÖVB = Öræfi Volcanic Belt, SVB = Snæfellsnes Volcanic Belt. From Thordarson (2007). The orange and green markers show the locations of the Tertiary and neovolcanic Icelandic samples used in this study, respectively.

## 1.3 The geochemical composition of the North Atlantic Mantle

### 1.3.1 The Iceland mantle source

The NAIP mantle has two source end-members: a depleted N-MORB source and an enriched plume source (Fitton et al., 1997, 1998; Chambers and Fitton, 2000). The abundance of Nb relative to Zr and Y can be used to distinguish between the two end-members. Icelandic mantle has  $\Delta\text{Nb} > 0$ , whilst N-MORB mantle has  $\Delta\text{Nb} < 0$ .  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  is defined as:

$$\Delta\text{Nb} = 1.74 + \log(\text{Nb}/\text{Y}) - 1.92\log(\text{Zr}/\text{Y})$$

On a Nb/Y vs Zr/Y diagram (Figure 1.15), the two sources define distinct, parallel arrays.  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  is a fundamental source characteristic that is insensitive to the effects of variable degrees of mantle melting, source depletion or subsequent alteration (Fitton, 2007). Contamination with continental crust has little effect on  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  because crustal rocks plot on or below the lower bound of the Iceland array. Therefore crustal contamination may only lower  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  and cannot make a sample appear enriched (Fitton et al., 1997; Chambers and Pringle, 2001). All Icelandic basalts plot above the  $\Delta\text{Nb}=0$  line and so represent a clearly distinct source from that of N-MORB.

It has long been recognised from Nd-Sr-Hf-Pb-Os-O isotope systematics that the mantle beneath Iceland is heterogeneous (e.g. Zindler and Frey, 1979; Hemond et al., 1993; Fitton et al., 2003; Thirlwall et al., 2004; Sigmarsson and Steinthórs-son, 2007; Debaille et al., 2009; Shorttle and MacLennan, 2011; Koornneef et al., 2012). At least two distinct sources are present: an ‘enriched’ source with low  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , high  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  preferentially sampled by alkali basalts from the flank zones, and a ‘depleted’ source with high  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , low  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , preferentially sampled by tholeiitic basalt and picrite from the axial rift zones (Hemond et al., 1993). This distribution can be explained using the model of Ito and Mahoney (2005a), whereby the off-axis flank zones sample deep, small degree melts under conditions where only an enriched, more fusible source can melt. At the axial rift



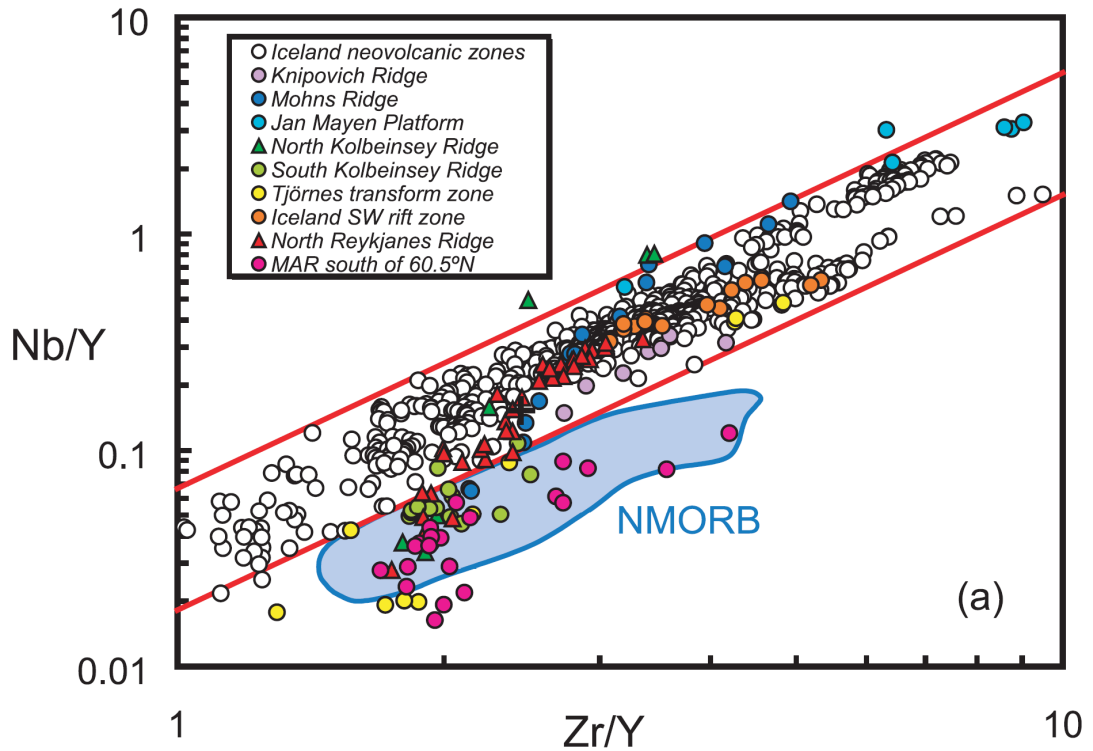


Figure 1.15: Nb/Y and Zr/Y variation for basalts from Iceland and the MAR. The N-MORB field is based on data from the Reykjanes Ridge (south of 61°N). The parallel lines mark the limits of the Iceland data. From Fitton et al. (2003).

zones, the mantle can upwell to shallower levels than beneath the flank zones, and this, combined with the higher temperatures predicted in the core of the plume (e.g. Wolfe et al., 1997), results in more extensive melting and the sampling of both sources. The mantle upwelling in the plume is therefore heterogeneous, with blobs or streaks of enriched material in a depleted refractory matrix.

He isotope systematics from Iceland indicate the contribution of a primordial  $^3\text{He}$ -rich source. The distribution of helium isotope ratios from Icelandic basalts is shown in Figure 1.16. Tertiary basalts from the northwest and northeast of Iceland represent some of the oldest rocks on the island, and have  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  up to  $37 R/R_a$  (Ellam and Stuart, 2004). Today, the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly extends across the entire neovolcanic zone. Each volcanic zone has a distinctive  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  isotope signature: 18-26  $R/R_a$  in the EVZ and central Iceland, 12-16  $R/R_a$  in the WVZ and 8-11  $R/R_a$  in the NVZ (Kurz et al., 1985). The fact that the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios from the neovolcanic zones are observed in eastern and central

Iceland is considered to be due to the fact that these areas have the greatest contribution from the plume and is in line with other evidence indicating the location of the plume centre in this area. Breddam et al. (2000) attempted to map out the conduit of the Iceland plume with helium isotopes and reported a ‘plateau’ of high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios ( $>20 R/R_a$ ) around 100 km in diameter, located in southeast Iceland, and argued that this zone outlines the width of the Iceland plume conduit at depth.

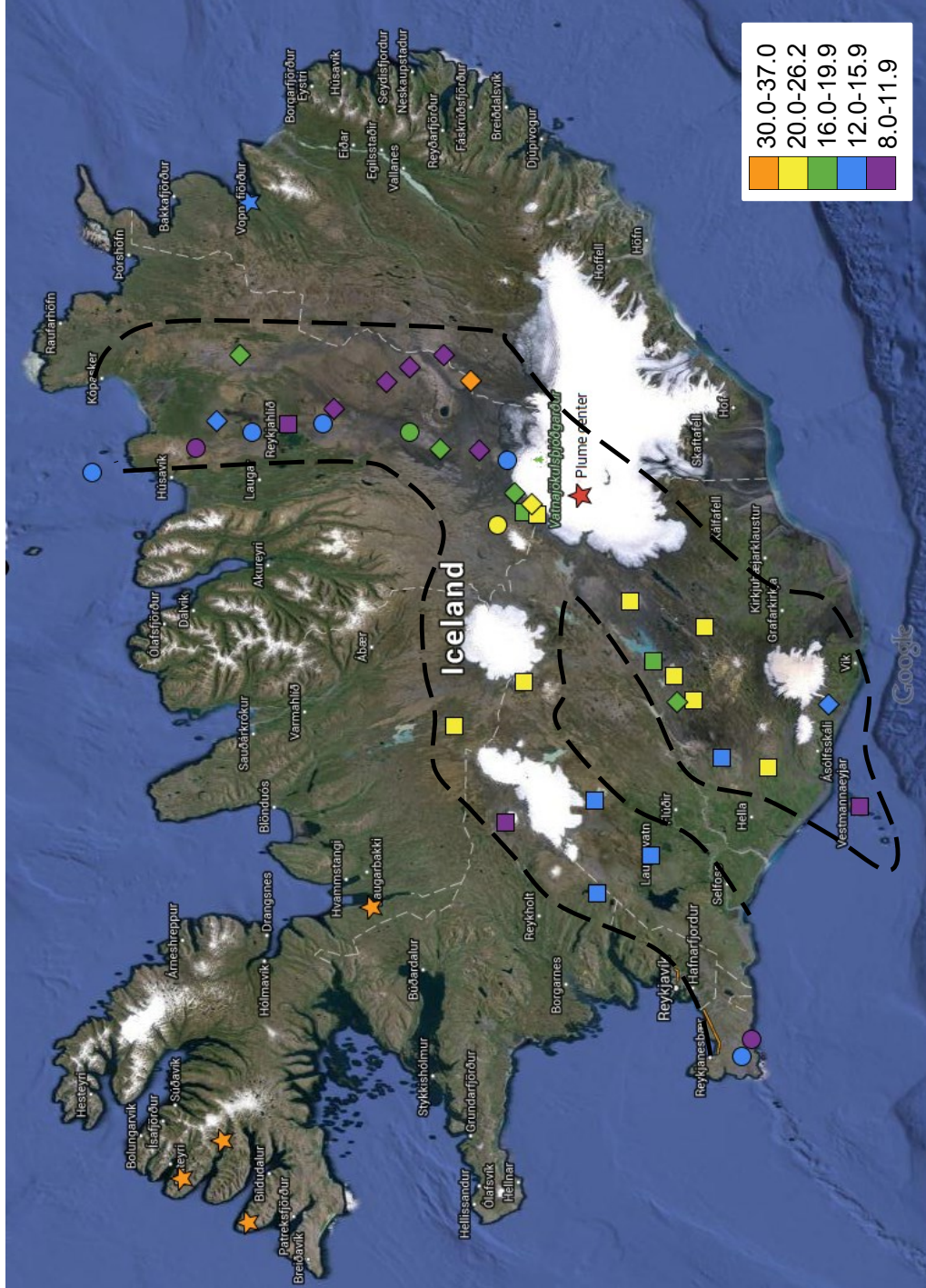


Figure 1.16: Map indicating the distribution of helium isotope ratios from Icelandic basalts. The black dashed line outlines the area of the neovolcanic zone. The red star indicates the location of the plume axis based on crustal thickness data from Kaban and Pálmason (2002).  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  has been colour coded according to  $R/R_a$  values. Squares = data from Kurz et al. (1985), circles = data from Breddam et al. (2000), diamonds = data from Macpherson et al. (2005a). Yellow stars = data from tertiary Icelandic basalts from Ellam and Stuart (2004). The one offshore MAR sample from the Tjörnes Fracture Zone is from Macpherson et al. (2005b).

More recent studies have painted a more complicated picture of the distribution of high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios in Iceland. Macpherson et al. (2005a) measured  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios from central Iceland and found a value of  $34.3 R/R_a$  from Vadalda, just north of the Vatnajökull icecap. This value is much higher than the previous highest value from the neovolcanic zones ( $26.2 R/R_a$ ) and is comparable with the highest values from Tertiary basalts of northwest Iceland, but it has a large error of  $\pm 4 R/R_a$ . Macpherson et al. (2005a) found that the central Iceland  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values generally fell into two categories: (i) MORB-like values from trace element enriched lavas north of Vatnajökull, and (ii) high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values up to  $26 R/R_a$  from trace element depleted rocks found farther from the location of the proposed plume centre. There are however, some exceptions to this rule, and so it appears that high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  can be associated with either enriched or depleted mantle, but in Iceland, it is more likely to be associated with the latter. This association is consistent with the observations from high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  Tertiary rocks. Here, the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  rocks are associated with high  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , low  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and therefore represent the depleted source (Ellam and Stuart, 2004). On the other hand,  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  does not correlate with  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  in the neovolcanic systems (Condomines et al., 1983), suggesting that  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is in fact decoupled from other isotopic tracers.

The high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly extends north of Iceland from the Tjörnes Fracture Zone to the North Kolbeinsey Ridge (Macpherson et al., 2005b).  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of basalts does not systematically change along the Kolbeinsey Ridge, but varies between values of 8.3 and  $12.6 R/R_a$ . Slightly higher  $R/R_a$  values of up to 13.6 are detected on the Tjörnes Fracture Zone (Macpherson et al., 2005b). The lack of  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  variation along the Kolbeinsey Ridge was thought to be inconsistent with present active mantle outflow from beneath Iceland, although it may have occurred in the past (Macpherson et al., 2005b). The higher values from the Tjörnes Fracture Zone are thought to mark the northern limit of shallow-level Icelandic mantle outflow. High  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values are not detected farther north than the Kolbeinsey Ridge and basalts at  $72^\circ\text{N}$  from the Mohns Ridge have normal mantle  $R/R_a$  (Macpherson et al., 2005b).

Along the Reykjanes Ridge, the thermal and geochemical effects of the plume extend far south of Iceland (Figure 1.17). It has long been recognised that there is a systematic geographical variation in incompatible elements along the ridge

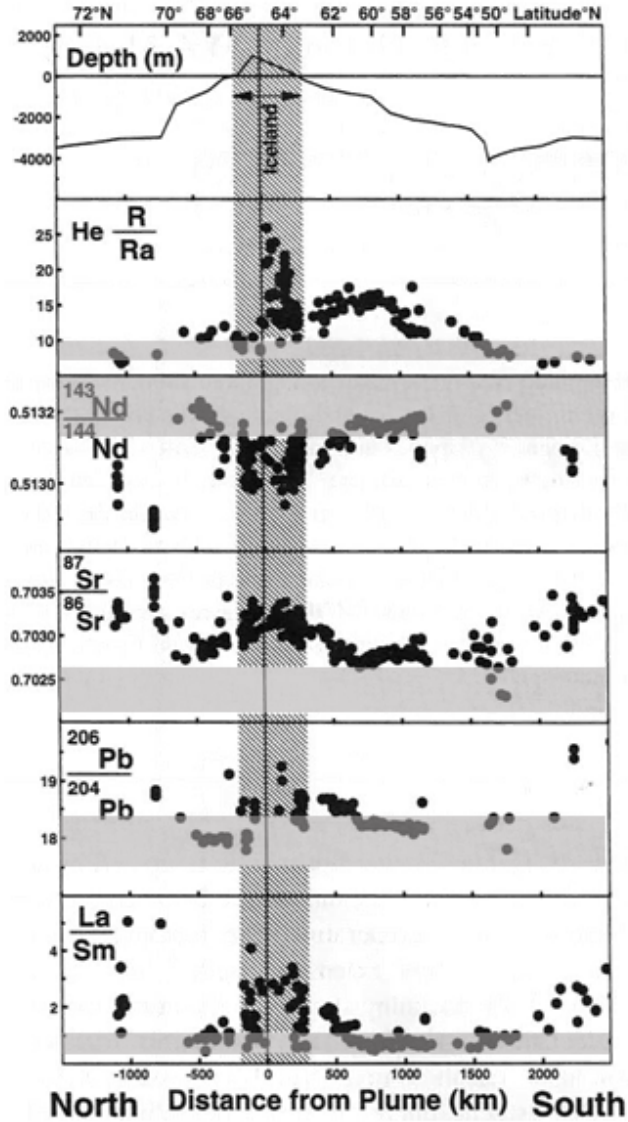


Figure 1.17: Variation in water depth, He, Nd, Sr and Pb isotopes and La/Sm along the Reykjanes Ridge with distance from the centre of the Iceland plume. The vertically shaded area represents the extent of Iceland. The horizontal shaded area represents the range of values found in N-MORB away from the influence of mantle plumes. From Taylor et al. (1997).

(e.g. Schilling, 1973; Murton et al., 2002), and this has been attributed to mixing of the N-MORB and Icelandic mantle source, with the Icelandic contribution increasing towards the centre of the plume. The  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  of Reykjanes Ridge basalts is  $>0$  at Iceland and decreases abruptly at  $61^\circ\text{N}$ , where it changes to  $<0$ , after which it no longer varies with distance from Iceland. The thermal anomaly, on the other hand, gradually decreases much farther south to 1700 km from the plume

axis (Figure 1.17), as indicated by water depth and major-element compositions of basalt (Klein and Langmuir, 1987; Saunders et al., 1997). Reykjanes Ridge basalts with the Sr-Nd-Pb isotopic signature of the Iceland plume are also recognised up to 2400 km from the plume axis (Taylor et al., 1997), indicating that the compositional effects of the plume extend past the thermal anomaly, although they may represent anomalous blobs of enriched material in the upper mantle.

The  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly closely corresponds to the area affected by thermal uplift (Poreda et al., 1986; Taylor et al., 1997), as shown in Figure 1.17. As in Iceland,  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  appears to be decoupled from all other isotopic systems (Figure 1.17).  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  increases along the Reykjanes Ridge from around  $50^\circ\text{N}$  to around  $59^\circ\text{N}$ , interpreted to be the result of increasing contribution of plume material towards Iceland. After  $61^\circ\text{N}$ ,  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  decreases towards Iceland. This seems counter-intuitive, but was explained by Hilton et al. (2000) to be the result of eruption under shallow water conditions close to Iceland. This results in low-pressure pre-eruptive degassing of magmatic helium.

### 1.3.2 The early NAIP mantle

The  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values of basalts from the early NAIP are of particular importance and significance because they represent the earliest manifestation of the Iceland plume (e.g. White and McKenzie, 1989; Saunders et al., 1997) and are most likely to sample the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  source. Extremely high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values up to  $50 R/R_a$  (the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  volcanic rocks yet found on Earth) are widely distributed throughout the early Iceland plume picrites and magnesian basalts from West Greenland and Baffin Island, and were erupted close to the centre of the proposed plume axis (Lawver and Müller, 1994), as shown in Figure 1.18. These values are considerably higher than contemporary OIB (e.g. Hawaii, Iceland, Samoa, Loihi), which tend to converge on  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values slightly higher than  $30 R/R_a$  (Kurz, 1982; Kurz and Geist, 1999; Macpherson et al., 2005a; Jackson et al., 2007). High  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values have also been reported from locations much farther from the proposed plume axis (Figure 1.18). Two samples from BTIP picrites of the Skye Main Lava Series have  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  around 21 and 18  $R/R_a$ , and samples from Phase 1 basalts from northeast Greenland and Phase 2 basalts from

east Greenland show  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios up to 21  $R/R_a$  (Marty et al., 1998) and 18.5  $R/R_a$  (Peate et al., 2003), respectively.

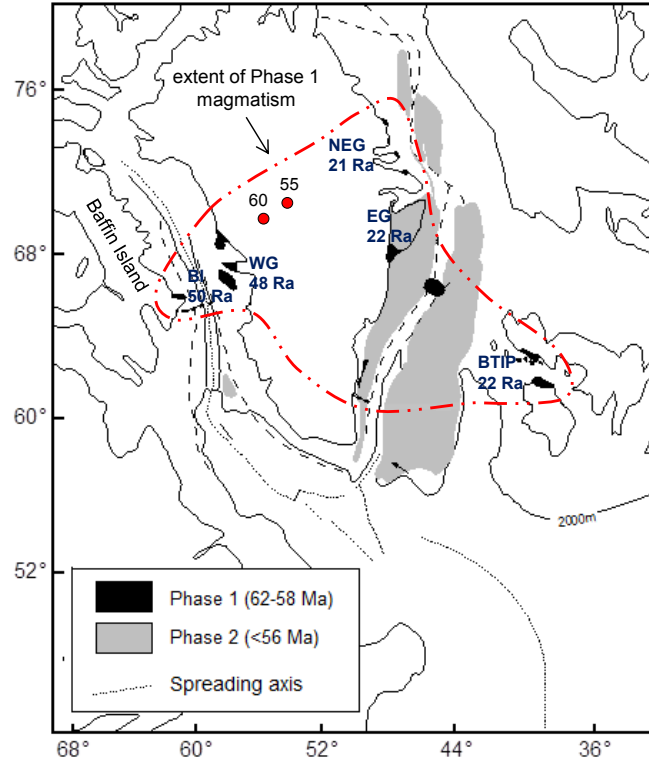


Figure 1.18: Tectonic reconstruction of the NAIP at  $\sim 61$  Ma showing the distribution of Phase 1 and 2 magmatism and measured  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios. BI = Baffin Island, WG = West Greenland, NEG = Northeast Greenland, EG = East Greenland, BTIP = British Tertiary Igneous Province. The circles indicate the calculated locations of the centre of the Iceland plume at 55 and 60 Ma, as calculated by Lawver and Müller (1994). Modified from Saunders et al. (1997).

The spatial extent of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly of the earliest NAIP basalts is no greater than at the modern plume, as shown in Figure 1.19, however, Phase 1 and 2 magmatism is only present in the North Atlantic in areas where the lithosphere had previously been thinned (Thompson and Gibson, 1991), so it is not possible to know how far it may have extended but not been sampled. What is clear is that the Phase 1 and 2  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly had a far greater amplitude (Figure 1.19) than at present.  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values up to 21  $R/R_a$  are present in Skye, 1300 km from the plume axis at 60 Ma. Such high values are only recorded today on Iceland and at a maximum of 200 km from the present-day plume axis. At Baffin Island and West Greenland,  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values of up to 50  $R/R_a$  are observed, and are

much higher than the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  value found in present-day Iceland. These observations are consistent with the starting plume having a greater contribution from the (likely deep) high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir.

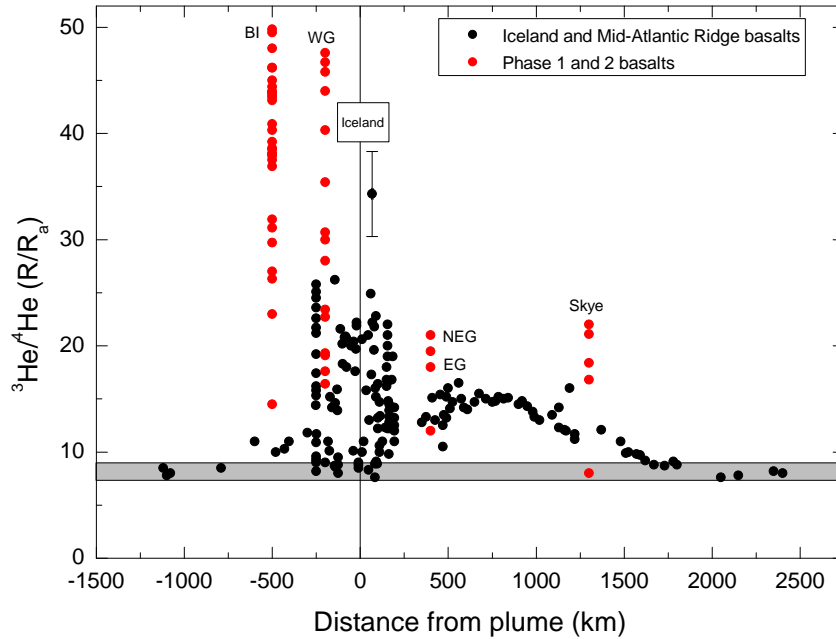


Figure 1.19: A comparison of the modern  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly around Iceland (black circles) as recorded by basalts and geothermal fluids from Iceland, the Reykjanes Ridge and Kolbeinsey Ridge (data from Condomines et al. (1983); Kurz et al. (1985); Hilton et al. (1990); Poreda et al. (1992); Taylor et al. (1997); Hilton et al. (2000); Breddam et al. (2000); Macpherson et al. (2005a); this study) and the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly recorded by Phase 1 and 2 basalts from the early North Atlantic Igneous Province (data from Marty et al. (1998); Stuart et al. (2000); Peate et al. (2003); Stuart et al. (2003); Starkey et al. (2009)). Values as high as those measured from Skye are today only present on Iceland, demonstrating that the early-NAIP plume  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly was significantly larger than that of the present day. The grey field represents the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  range of N-MORB away from the influence of mantle plumes. BI = Baffin Island, WG = West Greenland, NEG = Northeast Greenland, EG = East Greenland.

In an attempt to identify the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir, Stuart et al. (2003) and Ellam and Stuart (2004) measured Nd and Sr radiogenic isotope ratios and trace element concentrations in the Baffin Island, West Greenland and Tertiary Iceland basalts. They found that the majority of samples display coherent linear relationships between  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  and  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ . The samples with the



highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values were found to have Sr and Nd isotopic ratios that are indistinguishable from the depleted mantle reservoir thought to be the main source of N-MORB (low  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , high  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ). Samples with lower  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  were found to have a relatively enriched signature (low  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ , high  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ). This was in agreement with data from Kent et al. (2004), indicating that Baffin Island picrites with the highest  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  have Os and O isotope ratios suggestive of a depleted mantle source. These observations led Ellam and Stuart (2004) to suggest that normal depleted mantle is replenished with primordial helium, thus removing the requirement for a large undegassed primordial reservoir.

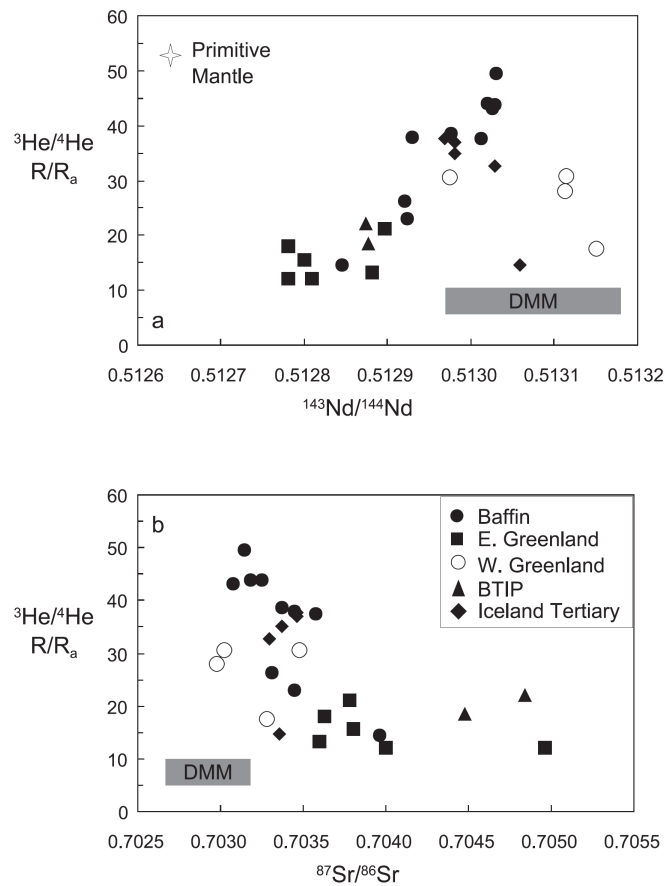


Figure 1.20: The He-Nd (a) and He-Sr (b) isotope trends in NAIP basalts with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He} > 10$  R/R<sub>a</sub>. From Ellam and Stuart (2004).

However, Starkey et al. (2009) carried out a more detailed study on Phase 1 picrites from Baffin Island and West Greenland (Figure 1.21), and found that while the association of high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  with Sr and Nd isotopic ratios typical of

depleted mantle is still apparent, several high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  samples have a much more enriched signature (i.e. lower  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and higher  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ ) than the ranges previously measured by Stuart et al. (2003) and Ellam and Stuart (2004). This is similar to the observations at the present-day Iceland  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly where the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  rocks tend to have a depleted isotopic and trace element signature, although there are a few exceptions where high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is found in trace element and isotopically enriched rocks (Macpherson et al., 2005a). The linear trend (Figure 1.20) identified by Ellam and Stuart (2004) is therefore no longer applicable. In fact, the compositional range of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  picrites is similar to that of the upper mantle sampled by MORB and it seems that the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  picrites were derived from a mantle source to which high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  material has been added, either by mixing with a high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  source, or alternatively, helium could diffuse in from a discrete, high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir (Starkey et al., 2009). Any model used to explain  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  in mantle plumes must now allow the full range of available upper mantle compositions to attain high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ . The fact that  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  seems to be decoupled from every other mantle isotopic system both in the early plume head and at the present time seems to suggest that the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir is not within the mantle but is diffusing in from elsewhere, for example from the core.

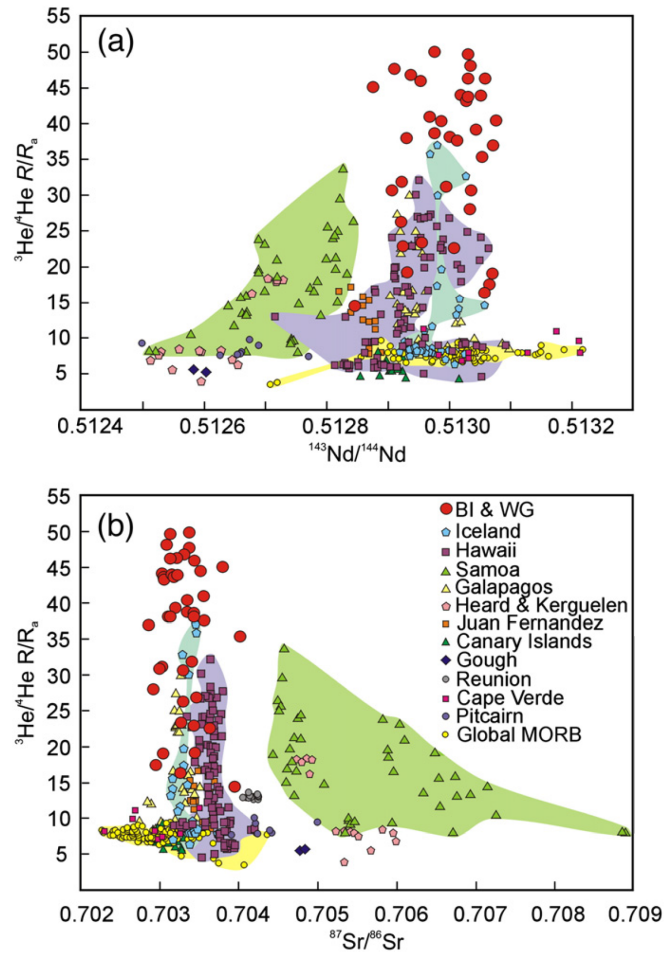


Figure 1.21:  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  vs (a)  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and (b)  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  for global OIB and Baffin Island and West Greenland.  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$  and  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$  of Baffin Island and West Greenland now span most of the MORB range at both high and low  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ . From Starkey et al. (2009).

### 1.3.3 Location of the high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ reservoir

The best way to identify where plumes originate from is to seismically image them to their source. Recent whole-mantle seismic imaging indicates that the Iceland mantle plume extends to the base of the lower mantle (Figure 1.22). This would suggest that the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  plume source is at least as deep as the base of the mantle, however its true location and relationship with mantle plumes remains enigmatic.

## 1.4 Chapter outline

A summary of the content of each chapter is as follows: Chapter 2 presents the field geology, petrology, major and trace element data of the primitive, Mg-rich samples, as well as the mineral chemistry results.

Chapter 3 focusses on determining the olivine crystallisation temperature of the samples using three different methods, traditional olivine-melt thermometry, a forward mantle melting model and the newly-developed Al-in-olivine thermometer. For the first time, the three techniques will be compared in detail, and it will be shown that the Al-in-olivine thermometer is a far more robust proxy for mantle temperature. The results show that the maximum temperature anomaly associated with the plume-head phase of volcanic activity was equal on both sides of the NAIP, across an area 2000 km in diameter. In addition, the temperature of the mantle plume is shown to fluctuate on a timescale of  $10^7$  years, and the data from the Iceland samples indicate that the plume temperature is currently increasing

In Chapter 4, the temperature fluctuation of the plume is placed in a regional context, and it is shown to have had a profound effect on melting dynamics and magmatism in the North Atlantic region. New helium isotope data for the BTIP and zero-age Iceland samples will be then be presented, and alongside existing  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  data, the relationship between temperature and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  within a mantle plume is explored. This has important implications for the inner workings of our planet because  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  appears to be decoupled from all mantle tracers and the nature of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir is still poorly understood. Finally, the results of the study will be placed in a global context, and a model that links the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  source, temperature, mantle plumes and mantle dynamics will be presented.

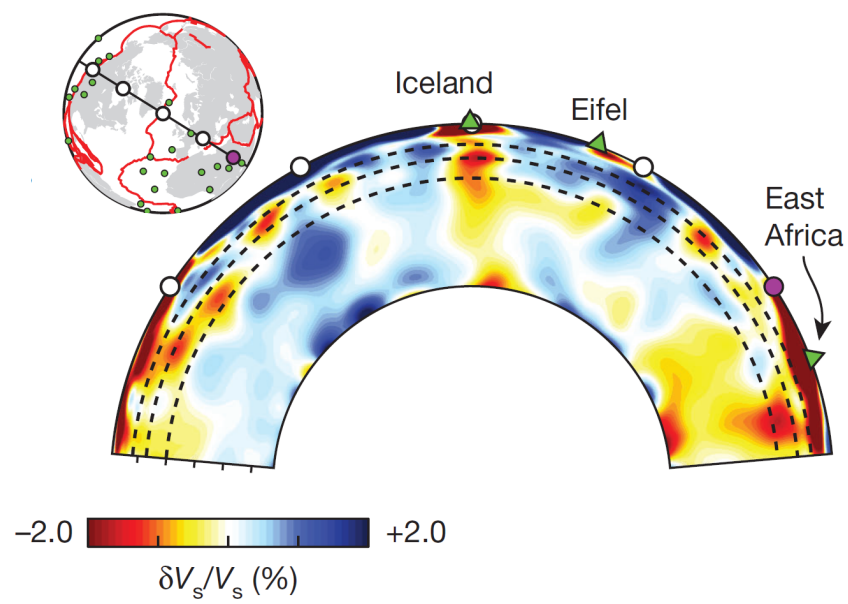


Figure 1.22: Whole-mantle depth cross-section of the mantle beneath Iceland of relative shear velocity variations from the seismic imaging models of French and Romanowicz (2015).

## 2 Field geology, petrology and geochemistry

### 2.1 Introduction

This chapter focusses in detail on the field geology, petrology, major and trace element chemistry and mineral chemistry of the new NAIP picrites and primitive basalts used in this study. These are the picritic dykes from Skye, Mull and R10 from Rum and the primitive basalts from the Iceland neovolcanic zones. The Baffin Island, West Greenland and Iceland Tertiary samples and M9 from Mull have been described in previous studies, and so are only briefly mentioned here. This study is primarily concerned with determining the temperature of the NAIP mantle through time, and as such, only the most primitive, Mg-rich samples that are known from each location are considered. Olivine is the first major phase to crystallize in primitive basalts and so is most likely to retain information about the conditions under which the hottest primary melts were formed. Consequently, this study focusses on a suite of olivine-rich basalts containing primitive ( $\geq \text{Fo}_{85}$ ) olivines. The petrology, major and trace element chemistry and mineral chemistry will allow the samples to be characterised and will show that they are highly primitive and are therefore suitable for the aims of this study. The whole rock and mineral chemistry data will then be used in Chapter 3 to calculate the olivine crystallisation temperatures recorded by the samples.

### 2.2 Sampling

The sample suite spans the history of the NAIP and can be divided into three age groups: (i) Phase 1 picrites from the BTIP, Baffin Island and West Greenland;

(ii) picrites from the NW and E of Iceland erupted in the Tertiary that represent some of the oldest rocks on the island; (iii) a suite of picrites and primitive basalts from the neovolcanic zone in Iceland that are effectively zero-age. Three samples are from the RVZ, two from the EVZ and three from the NVZ (Figure 1.14). The Phase 1 picrites are of particular interest because they represent the oldest material erupted from the start-up plume head and therefore will potentially record the highest temperatures. The BTIP sample suite includes the M9 dyke studied by Upton et al. (2002) and contains the most Mg-rich olivines known from the BTIP (up to Fo<sub>93</sub>). The Baffin Island and West Greenland samples were studied by Starkey (2009) and contain similarly Mg-rich olivines. The Baffin Island and BTIP picrites were separated by a distance of  $\sim 2000$  km when they were erupted, and will therefore allow the temperature distribution in the start-up plume head to be investigated. Additionally, the Baffin Island and West Greenland samples record the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values yet found on Earth (Starkey et al., 2009), so provide an ideal opportunity to explore the relationship between temperature and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ . The addition of the Iceland samples will allow the temperature of the plume to be constrained throughout its lifetime. The Iceland suite includes the 13-14 Ma Tertiary picrites studied by Ellam and Stuart (2004) and have the highest magmatic  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  yet found on the island (up to  $37 R/R_a$ ). A new suite of picrites and primitive basalts from the neovolcanic zones of Iceland are also included. The sample names and collection information for each suite are provided in Table 2.1 and their locations are shown in Figure 2.1. A full list of samples and their locations can be found in Appendix C.

Table 2.1: The number of samples from each location used in this study and the sample prefixes used to identify each suite.

Location	Number	Sample prefix	Collected by
Skye	9	S	H. Spice
Rum	2	R, M	H. Spice and Prof. B. Upton (University of Edinburgh)
Mull	3	MU	H. Spice
Baffin Island	7	PAD, DUR, APO	Dr. F. Stuart (SUERC)
West Greenland	5	Numbers	Dr. L. M. Larsen (GEUS, Copenhagen)
Iceland Tertiary	6	ED, KoP, SAU, SD, VEY, VP	Björn Hardarson
Iceland neovolcanic	8	I	Prof. T. Thordarson (University of Iceland)

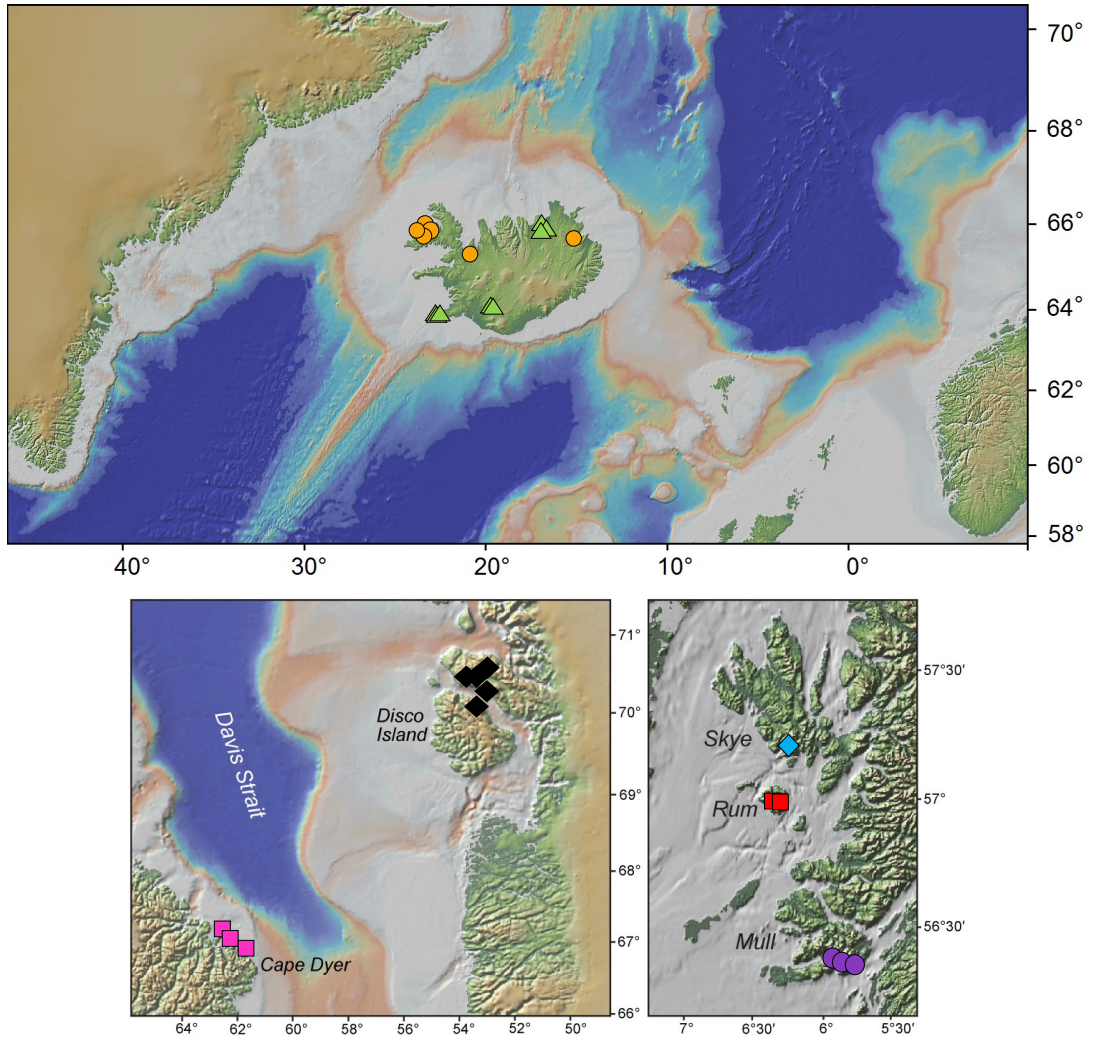


Figure 2.1: The locations of new each sample used in this study.

### 2.2.1 Sample ages

The Skye picrites intrude the outer gabbros of the Cuillin central complex, which is dated at  $58.9 \pm 0.1$  Ma (Hamilton et al., 1998). The Rum samples intrude the layered rocks of the central complex on Rum, which is dated at  $60.5 \pm 0.2$  Ma (Hamilton et al., 1998). The Mull picrites intrude the Mull plateau lavas and Centre 1 of the central complex, which has been dated at  $59.05 \pm 0.27$  Ma (Chambers and Pringle, 2001). The Baffin Island samples are lava flows from the picritic basal section of the lava pile. Their magnetic polarity implies an age of 62.0-61.7 Ma (Pedersen et al., 2002). The West Greenland samples are lava flows



from the Vaigat Formation, which is dated at  $61.7 \pm 0.5$  Ma (Ganerød et al., 2010). The Iceland Tertiary picrites represent some of the oldest rocks on the island. 5 samples are from the northwest, dated at 14.3-13.1 Ma and one sample is from the east dated at 12 Ma (based on unpublished Ar-Ar data from B. S. Hardarson). The Iceland neovolcanic samples are effectively zero-age.

## 2.3 Field geology

In this section, the field relations of the BTIP picrites are described. The samples from West Greenland, Baffin Island and Iceland were collected for previous studies by others (Table 2.1) and so are not described here.

### 2.3.1 Skye

The Skye picrites occur as dykes that intrude the outer gabbros of the Cuillin central complex in Coire Lagan (Figure 1.10), and were first described by Drever and Johnston (1958). They are clearly distinguishable from the grey gabbros due to their brown colouring and striking pitted texture formed from the weathering out of olivine phenocrysts. Both the gabbros and dykes are well exposed at this locality on flat, glaciated slabs, and there is no vegetation cover. The width of the dykes is highly variable, ranging from a few cm to around 60 cm, however the majority of dykes are approximately 30 cm in width. In general, the dykes trend NE-SW to E-W, however they anastomise in a highly irregular fashion across the gabbro surface and commonly have small offshoots. They are often traceable for  $>100$  m before disappearing into a lochan or tapering into small veins. The dykes cut many of the small basaltic sheets and dykes intruding the gabbro body and so are relatively late-stage in the history of the Cuillin complex. The dykes have chilled margins that are a few cm wide, and the number and size of olivine phenocrysts generally increases towards the centre of a dyke. An image of a typical dyke on Skye and its characteristics are shown in Figure 2.2.



Figure 2.2: A typical picritic dyke from Skye, approximately 30 cm in thickness. The dyke traces an irregular pattern and has a small offshoot vein. The pitted texture is due to weathered out olivine phenocrysts. The number and size of olivine phenocrysts clearly increases towards the centre. A pronounced chilled margin a few cm wide is also present and is typical of all the dykes in the suite.

### 2.3.2 Rum

Sample R10 intrudes the Eastern Layered Intrusion of the Rum Central Complex. As in Skye, the dyke is easily distinguishable from the host gabbros and peridotites due to its brown weathering and pitted texture formed from the weathering out of olivine. The width of the dyke was 30 cm and it trended NE-SW. The dyke has a chilled margin a few cm wide and has olivine phenocrysts up to 1 cm in size.

This study also includes the picritic dyke (M9) first described by (Upton et al., 2002). It intrudes the Western Layered Intrusion of the Rum Central complex and is remarkable in that it contains olivines up to Fo<sub>93.3</sub>, the most Mg-rich known from the BTIP.

### 2.3.3 Mull

The Mull picrites are a suite of much larger intrusive bodies intruding the Centre 1 Glen More granophyre and the Mull plateau lavas south of Loch Uisg in southern Mull. They are collectively known as the Loch Uisg Picrite Suite (LUPS), and were first described by Westland (2014). The LUPS rocks are very rich in olivine and have well developed layering. All show a distinctive pockmarked weathering, reminiscent of the peridotites of Skye and Rum (Emeleus and Bell, 2005). The best exposed of the three intrusions is the large, irregular, layered Gleann Beag intrusion (GBI). The intrusion is traceable for  $\sim 1.4$  km with a variable width from 10 m up to 150 m. The intrusion roughly trends NW-SE which is characteristic of the Mull Dyke Swarm. According to Westland (2014), who mapped the LUPS in detail, no other dykes appear to cut the GBI and there is no evidence of faults disrupting the intrusion (Westland, 2014), suggesting that it was intruded late in the magmatic history of Centre 1. At its far southeastern end, the intrusion appears dyke-like (Figure 2.3a) with near vertical and parallel margins. The margins of the dyke are rarely exposed, but where the contact with the Mull plateau lavas is exposed, a distinct chilled margin of a few cm wide is visible (Figure 2.3c). Layering is present in all three of the Loch Uisg picrites, however it is best exposed in the GBI. The layering occurs on a cm scale and is generally horizontal to sub-horizontal with some cross cutting relationships present (Figure 2.3e). Careful examination of the layers by Westland (2014) found no systematic variations in mineral chemistry, but is instead caused by alternating coarser grained olivine-rich layers with finer grained, slightly less olivine-rich layers (Figure 2.3f).



Figure 2.3: (a) The Gleann Beag intrusion at its southeastern end showing a dyke-like morphology with near vertical and parallel margins. The intrusion is 30 m wide at this point. (b) Looking SE up the GBI from its northwestern end. The yellow dashed lines mark the margins of the intrusion. (c) The contact between the GBI and one of the Mull plateau lava basalts. A chilled margin ~3 cm wide is clearly visible. (d) Pockmarked weathering reminiscent of peridotite is found in all three of the LUPS intrusions. (e) Layering on a cm scale in the GBI. Cross-cutting relationships are clearly visible. (f) A close-up view of the layering found in the GBI. The layers are made up of coarser, olivine-rich sections (bottom), and finer grained, slightly less olivine-rich sections (top).

## 2.4 Petrology

The petrography of samples from Skye, Rum, Mull and Iceland are described below. The petrography and geochemistry of the Baffin Island and West Greenland samples was discussed in detail by Starkey (2009), and M9 is discussed in detail by Upton et al. (2002), and so will only be briefly mentioned here when necessary.

### 2.4.1 Skye

The Skye dykes are highly porphyritic, containing 17-44% by vol. of olivine. A photomicrograph across the margin of a narrow dyke (15 cm wide) is shown in Figure 2.4a. The olivine crystals range up to 1 cm in size and display a variety of morphologies, including strongly euhedral (Figure 2.4b), rounded, irregular or ragged crystal forms and rarely, skeletal forms. Glomerocrysts composed of all sizes of phenocrysts with polygonal grains and 120° grain boundaries are common (Figure 2.4c). Alteration along cracks to serpentine, oxides and iddingsite occurs in all samples, however it is more pronounced in samples that are more altered. Away from the cracks, the olivines are very fresh. Olivine commonly hosts Cr-spinel inclusions, as either clusters or individual grains. Occasionally, strain lamellae can be seen in the larger olivine crystals.

Cr-spinel occurs as a phenocryst and microphenocryst phase up to 1 mm in size (Figure 2.4d). It is often present in clusters and displays typical cubic crystal forms. Melt inclusions are commonly hosted in both the phenocrysts and in the Cr-spinels hosted by olivine. It is likely that Cr-spinel is the first phase to crystallize from a Cr-rich magma and likely provided sites for olivine nucleation (Kerr, 1998).

The groundmass is made up of plagioclase laths sub-ophitically intergrown with augite and rarer small rounded olivines. The plagioclase laths exhibit a variety of textures (Figure 2.4e-g), including variolitic fan-like textures, radiating spherulite textures, and an intergrowth intrafasciculate texture, where gaps in the plagioclase laths are occupied by augite. Away from the dyke margins, the groundmass is coarser, with plagioclase laths reaching up to 1 mm in length. Using petrogra-



phy, the plagioclase laths were found to range in composition from An<sub>70</sub> to An<sub>78</sub>. The groundmass commonly contains abundant Fe-Ti oxides, and where altered, calcite and chlorite are common.

### 2.4.2 Rum

R10 from Rum is highly olivine-rich (48% by vol.) with a very coarse matrix of plagioclase laths (composition An<sub>67</sub> to An<sub>71</sub>) subophitically intergrown with interstitial augite (Figure 2.4i). There exists a range of olivine morphologies and the crystals are up to 1 cm in size, similar to those described previously for Skye. The olivines have a brown colouring comparable to that described by Upton et al. (2002) in another picritic dyke from Mull. Upton et al. (2002) considered this to be due to finely exsolved trails of Fe-oxides, likely the result of high temperature oxidation (Haggerty and Baker, 1967). As seen in the Skye picrites, the olivines contain Cr-spinel inclusions which are often rich in melt inclusions.

### 2.4.3 Mull

The Mull olivine phenocrysts display a range of morphologies similar to those from Skye, except that skeletal olivines are more common. The rocks are very rich in olivine, up to 40% by vol., and are very fresh. The large olivines (Figure 2.4j) are up to 1 cm wide and display either a euhedral habit or a more irregular form. Commonly, olivines are grouped together to form large glomerocrysts. The olivines often enclose Cr-spinels and occasionally exhibit strain lamellae. Zoning is apparent in the large olivines due to different birefringence around the crystal edges.

The matrix consists of coarsely intergrown plagioclase laths (An<sub>71</sub> to An<sub>77</sub>) and interstitial augite often showing subophitic, spherulite and intrafasciculate textures. Small rounded olivines and occasional skeletal olivines (Figure 2.4k) are present. The groundmass is coarse, with some plagioclase laths exceeding 1 mm in length.

#### 2.4.4 Iceland neovolcanic zones

The neovolcanic Iceland samples range from almost aphyric (1% olivine phenocrysts), to highly porphyritic, with abundant olivine phenocrysts up to 45% by vol. up to 1 cm wide. In some samples, zoning can be recognised due to the change in birefringence colours at the crystal edges. Olivines exhibit a range of morphologies similar to those found in the Skye rocks. Melt inclusions are often present (Figure 2.4l) in olivine and strain lamellae are occasionally present (Figure 2.4m). Cr-spinel is often hosted in olivine, and occasionally occurs as a phenocryst phase up to 1 mm in size. The groundmass varies from extremely fine grained up to around 300  $\mu\text{m}$ , where the groundmass is composed of plagioclase laths subophitically intergrown with augite, and Fe-Ti oxides and occasionally small rounded olivines.

#### 2.4.5 Iceland Tertiary

Rock or thin section samples were not available for the Iceland Tertiary samples, and so olivine separates were prepared in polished mounts. The olivines chosen for analysis were 1-3 mm wide and occasionally hosted Cr-spinel inclusions.

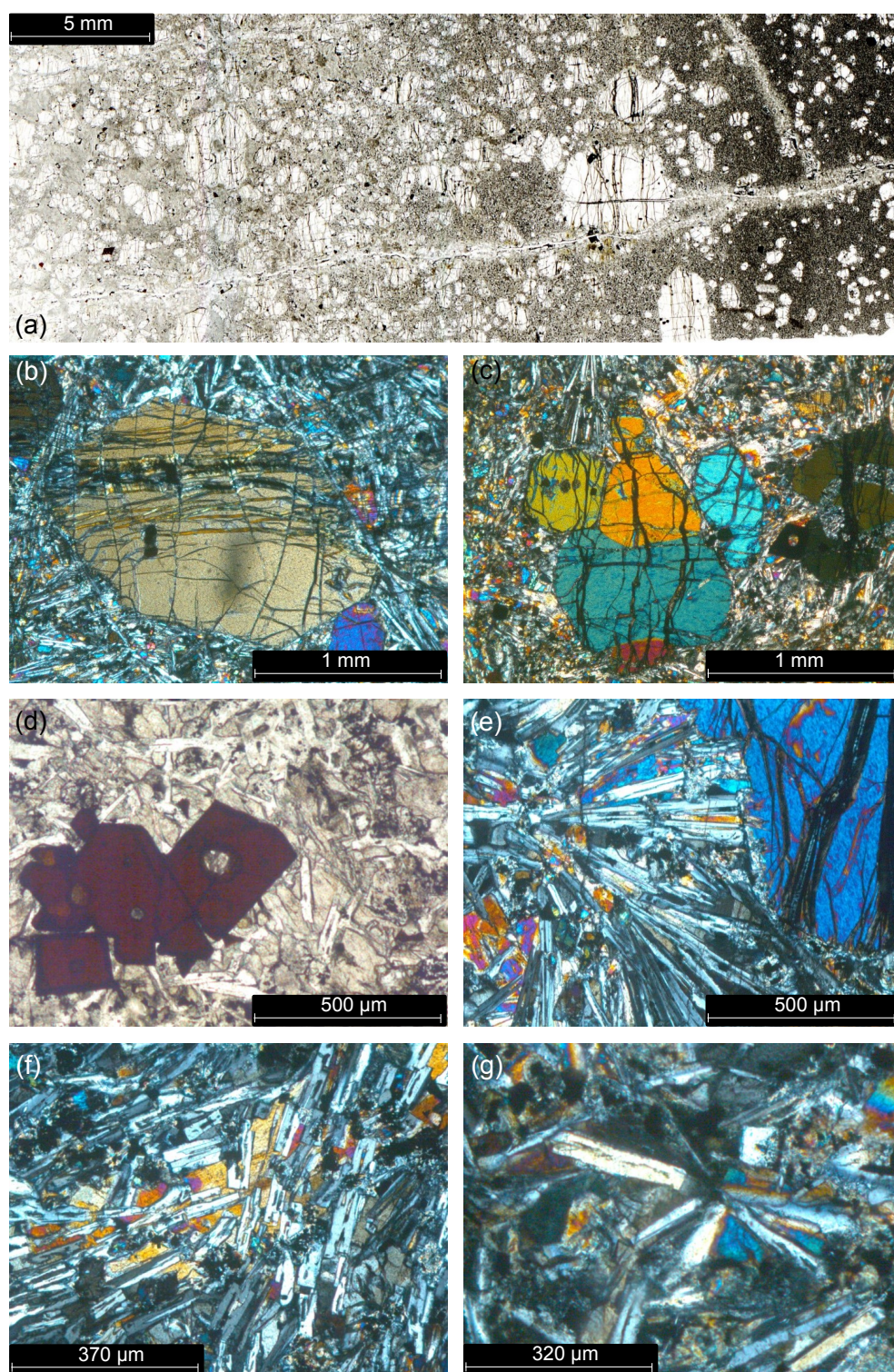


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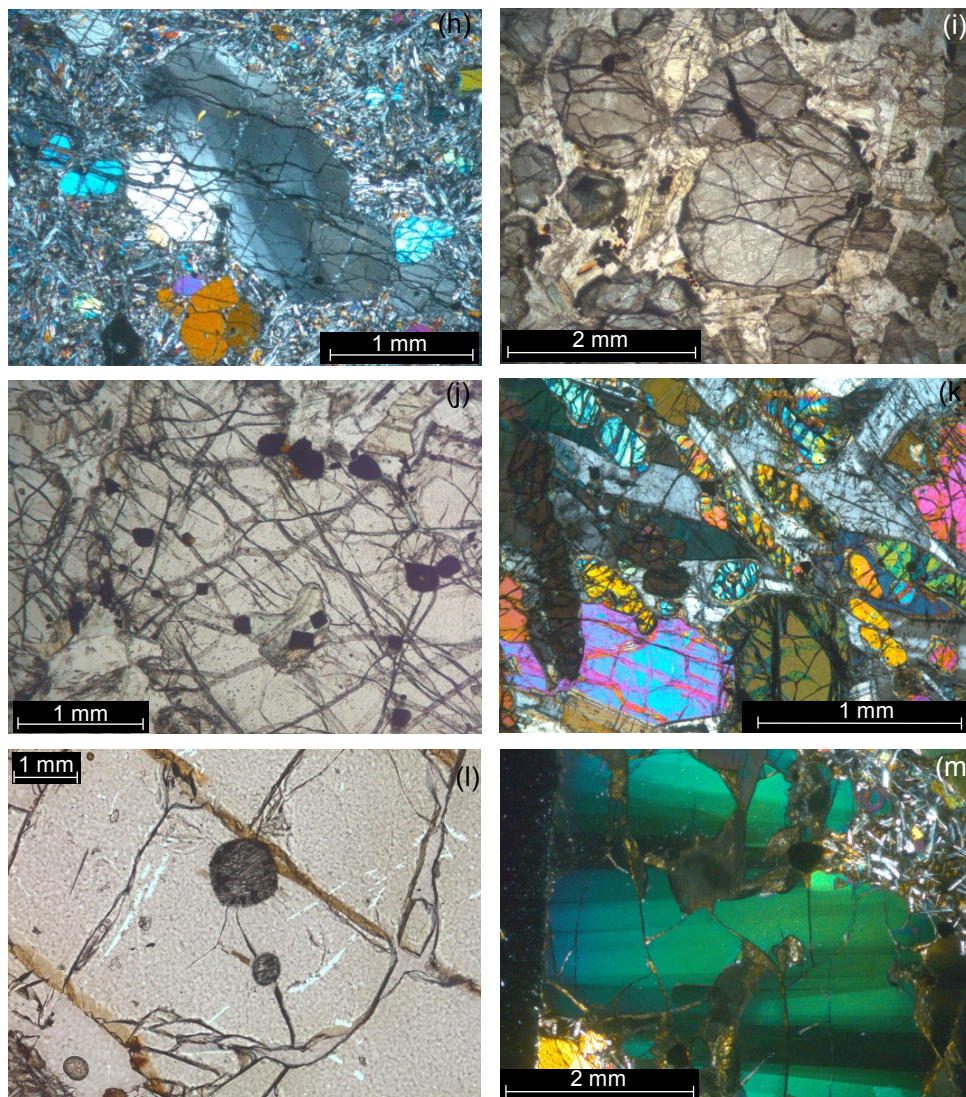


Figure 2.4: (a) Scanned thin section image showing a cross-section of the margin of S5. The fine-grained quenched margin is clearly visible at the right-hand edge. Towards the centre of the dyke the size and number of olivine phenocrysts increases. (b) A euhedral olivine phenocryst from S1 showing alteration along cracks to serpentinite and iddingsite. Away from the cracks the olivine is very fresh. (c) A glomerocryst from S1 composed of several olivine phenocrysts with a  $120^\circ$  triple junction at the grain boundaries. (d) A glomerocryst of Cr-spinel phenocrysts rich in melt inclusions from S10. (e) Plagioclase laths forming a diverging fan-like arrangement known as variolitic texture. The plagioclase laths have grown up to the edge of the olivine phenocryst. (f) Plagioclase forming an intergrowth intrafasciculate texture: columnar, hollow plagioclase crystals are filled by pyroxene. (g) An example of spherulite texture: elongate plagioclase crystals radiating from a nucleus. The space between plagioclase is often filled with augite. (h) Strain lamellae visible in an olivine phenocryst from S8. (i) Photomicrograph of R10. It is very olivine-rich and the olivines have a brown colouring thought to be due to a high- $T$  oxidation event. (j) Photomicrograph showing Cr-spinel hosted by a large olivine phenocryst in MU3.1. (k) Photomicrograph showing skeletal and rounded olivines growing in the groundmass of MU1.5. (l) A crystallized melt inclusion in an olivine crystal in I2. (m) Strain lamellae visible in a broken olivine crystal in I5.

## 2.5 Whole-rock compositions

### 2.5.1 Major elements

The major-element composition of whole-rock powders was determined by X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry at the University of Edinburgh (details of analytical methods are presented in Appendix B.1) for the BTIP and neovolcanic Iceland samples. The Iceland Tertiary data are from Hardarson and Fitton (unpublished data). Data were corrected to a total of 100% on a volatile-free basis and all Fe is expressed as FeO. The Skye, Rum and Mull samples had loss on ignition (LOI) values of 1.47-5.86 wt%, however only two samples (S2 and S6) had values above 3 wt%, indicating that most samples have only minor alteration. The Iceland samples have LOI values of <1 wt%, indicating that they are very fresh with almost no alteration.

Based on the classification of Le Bas (2000), all of the Skye, Rum and Mull samples classify as picrites (MgO >12 wt% and <3 wt% total alkalis). Four of the seven neovolcanic Iceland samples classify as picrites, the remaining three are just outside the picrite range, however all have MgO >10 wt% and may still be considered primitive. All of the Tertiary Iceland samples can be classed as picrites.

The total alkali-silica (TAS) diagram is commonly used to classify volcanic rocks. According to this diagram (Figure 2.5), most of the samples from the BTIP plot inside the picrobasalt field, as well as two Iceland samples (I2, I5). The remaining samples are classed as subalkaline basalts.

Full results of bulk-rock major elements are presented in Appendix D.1. The MgO content of the BTIP samples ranges from 22.0-31.94 wt%. As will be discussed in more detail in Section 3.2.2, these high values are due to the accumulation of olivine phenocrysts and do not represent liquid compositions. When plotted against MgO (Figure 2.6), the samples show negative linear trends for SiO<sub>2</sub>, Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, CaO, Na<sub>2</sub>O, K<sub>2</sub>O, TiO<sub>2</sub>, and P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>. FeO<sub>T</sub> and MnO are roughly flat across the MgO range. The sample from Rum (R10) is consistently different in

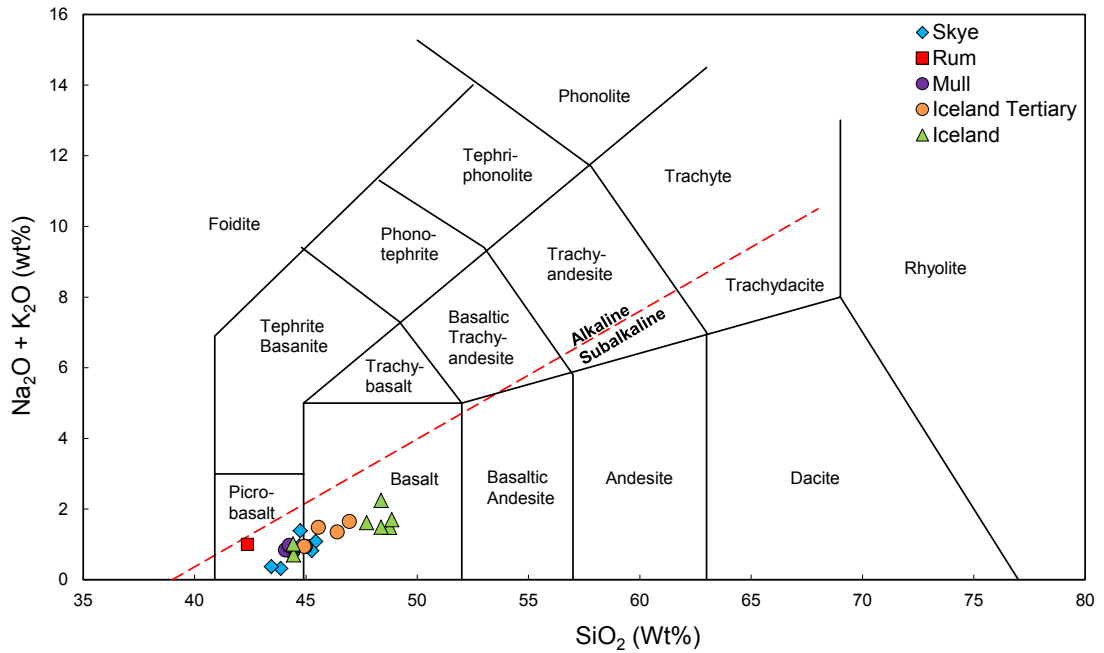


Figure 2.5: TAS diagram for the NAIP volcanic rocks. The field boundaries and alkaline-subalkaline division line are from Le Bas and Streckeisen (1991).

$\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{FeO}_T$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$ . R10 has accumulated more olivine than any other sample and the olivines are more evolved than those from Skye and Mull. In addition, the plagioclase crystals from the matrix are more Na-rich than in the rest of the BTIP samples, leading to the systematic offsets observed in Figure 2.6. The data from this study are compared to published data on BTIP volcanics with  $\text{MgO} > 10$  wt% (Bell and Williamson, 1994; Kent, 1995; Kent and Fitton, 2000; Stuart et al., 2000; Upton et al., 2002; Peate et al., 2012). Most of the published data have lower  $\text{MgO}$  ( $< 20$  wt%) than the samples from this study (with the exception of the M9 dyke from Upton et al. (2002) which contains 34.1 wt%  $\text{MgO}$ ), however, the two data sets generally form a continuous trend, indicating a common liquid line of descent in the magmatic system.

The  $\text{MgO}$  content of the Iceland neovolcanic samples ranges from 10.3-27.5 wt% and from 13.8-24.7 wt% in the Iceland Tertiary samples. Similar to the BTIP, the Iceland samples also exhibit negative linear trends when  $\text{SiO}_2$ ,  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ ,  $\text{CaO}$ ,  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  are plotted against  $\text{MgO}$  (Figure 2.6). One sample (I6) from the EVZ plots above or below the general trend of the majority of samples. This sample is enriched in  $\text{Na}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{K}_2\text{O}$ ,  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{P}_2\text{O}_5$  in particular, and so is

likely to represent a smaller degree (and hence more enriched) melt.

### 2.5.2 Trace elements

The abundances of Zn, Cu, Ni, Cr, V, Ba, Sc, La, Ce, Nd, U, Th, Pb, Nb, Zr, Sr and Rb were determined on whole-rock powders using XRF spectrometry at the University of Edinburgh. Full results and analytical details are presented in Appendix D.2 and B.1 respectively. The BTIP and Iceland samples follow the same general trends as previously (Figure 2.7) published data. Both the BTIP and Iceland samples show positive correlations between MgO and Ni and Cr (Figure 2.7). Ni and Cr are compatible in the olivine lattice (Kennedy et al., 1993) and so increase with olivine accumulation. In the BTIP, a negative correlation between MgO and Zn, Cu, V, Sc, Zr, Y and Sr is present, while no correlation between MgO and Ba, Nd, Pb Nb or Rb is observed. In Iceland, a negative correlation between MgO and Cu, V, Sc, Nd, Nb, Zr, Y, and Sr exists and there is no correlation between MgO and Zn, Ba, Pb or Rb. Those elements whose concentration decreases with MgO is because they are incompatible in the olivine lattice (Kennedy et al., 1993), and so their concentration is decreased with olivine accumulation. I6 again plots off the general trends. It has notably more Zn, Ba, Nd, Nb, Zr, Y and Rb, all incompatible elements, which supports the idea that this sample came from a more enriched, lower degree melt. The Iceland Tertiary samples generally follow the same trends, however are more enriched in some incompatible elements such as Ba, Nd, Nb, Zr and Sr.

Magmatism during the plume-head stage of activity (Phase 1 and Phase 2) tapped a heterogeneous mantle source, with both depleted N-MORB (negative  $\Delta\text{Nb}$ ) and enriched Icelandic-type (positive  $\Delta\text{Nb}$ ) mantle playing a role (Figure 2.8). The plume head is hypothesised to have been zoned as the contribution of enriched mantle decreases away from the centre of the proposed plume axis (Fitton et al., 1997, 1998). Phase 1 NAIP basalts that were erupted from the outer parts of the plume head (e.g. Hatton Bank, BTIP) have mostly N-MORB mantle sources, while basalts erupted closer to the centre of the plume (East Greenland and the Faeroes) have compositions similar to Icelandic basalt. The Baffin Island and West Greenland samples show a bimodal distribution of positive and negative

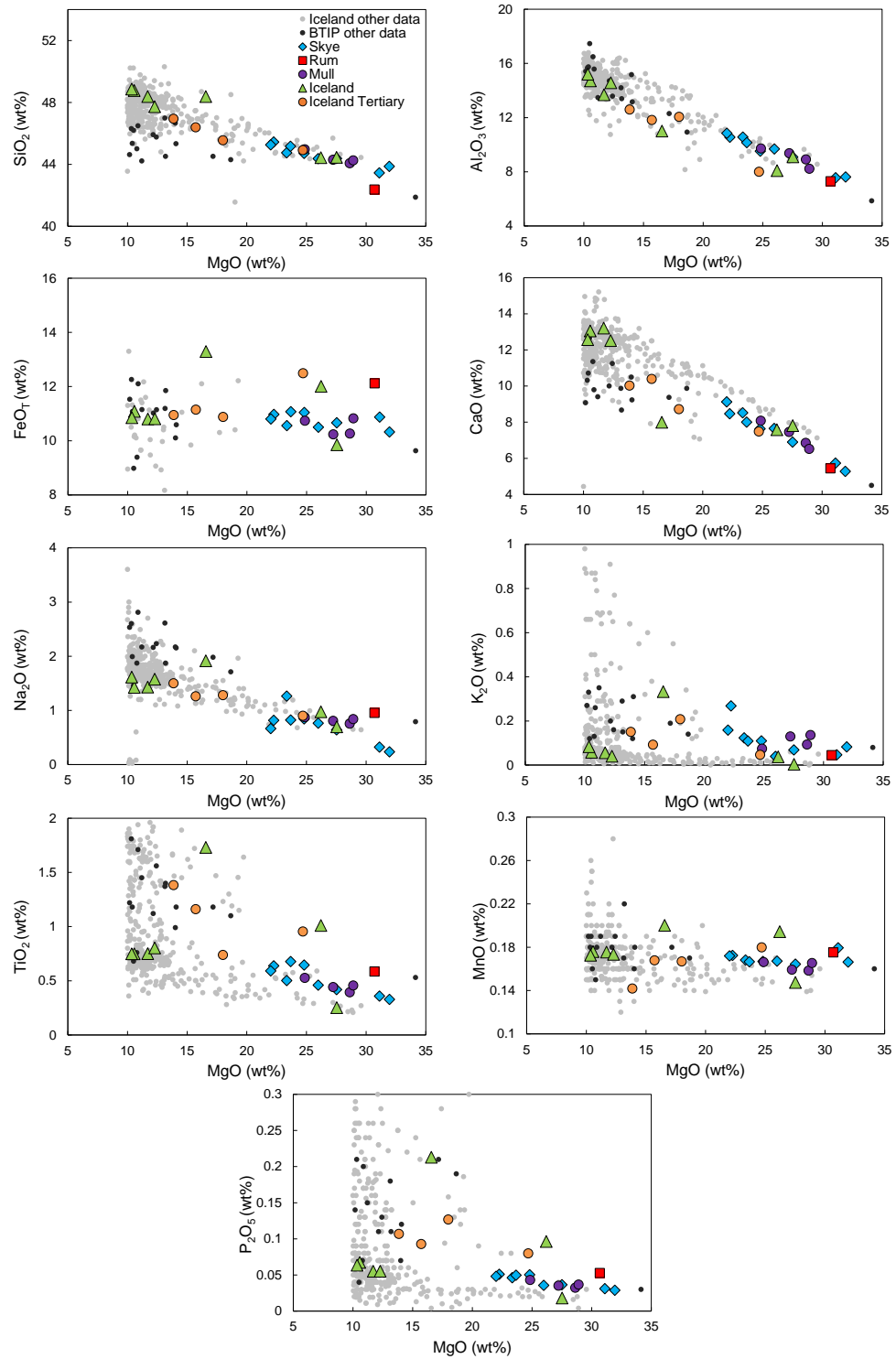


Figure 2.6: Major element vs MgO content in wt% for the BTIP and Iceland samples from this study and other datasets where MgO > 10 wt%. Data sources: BTIP from Bell and Williamson (1994); Kent (1995); Kent and Fitton (2000); Stuart et al. (2000); Upton et al. (2002); Peate et al. (2012). Iceland data compiled from the Iceland GEOROC database, [www.georoc.mpc-mainz.gwdg.de/georoc](http://www.georoc.mpc-mainz.gwdg.de/georoc)).

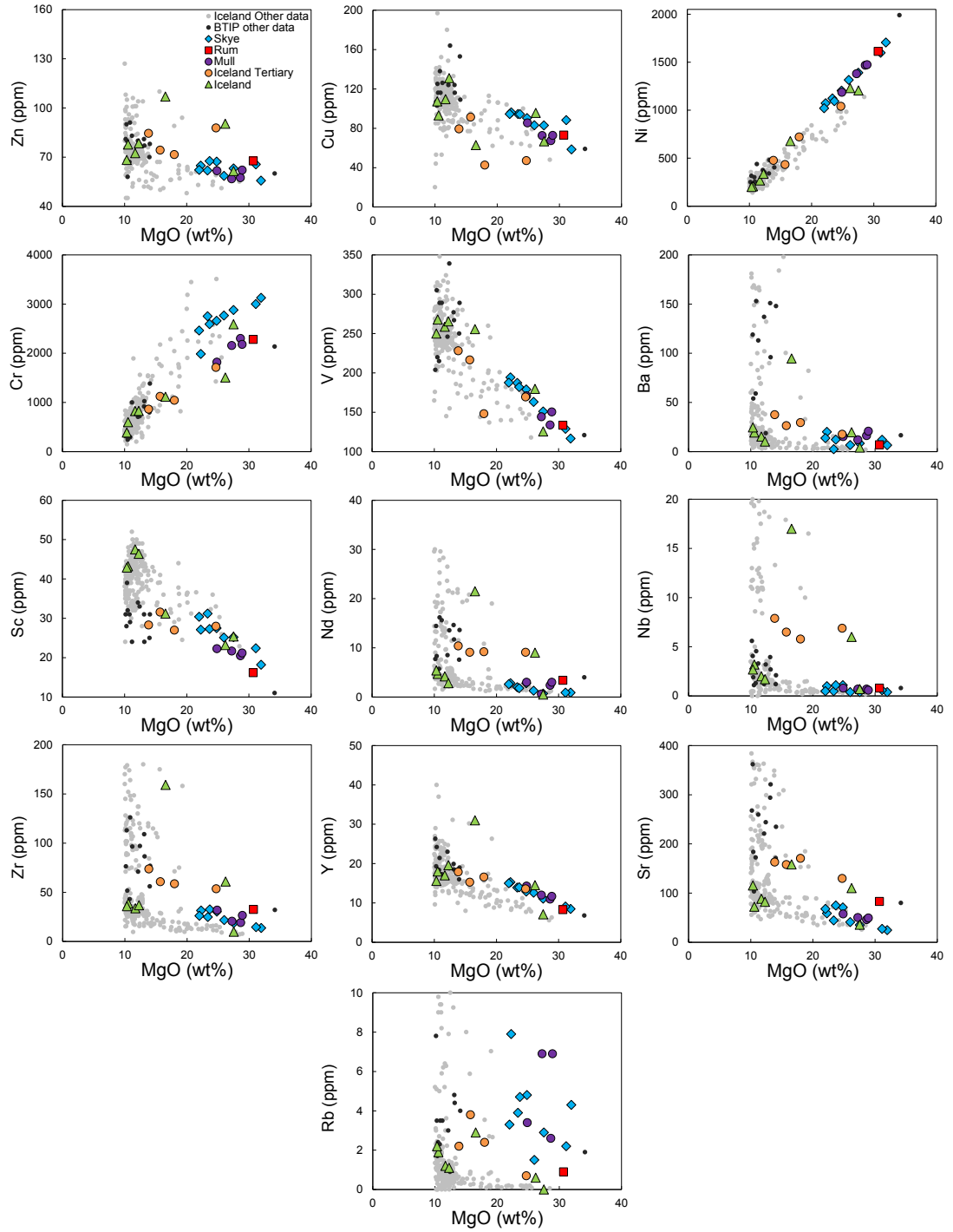


Figure 2.7: Bivalent plots of MgO and selected trace element abundances. Data from previous studies as in Figure 2.6.

$\Delta\text{Nb}$ , indicating that Icelandic-type and N-MORB mantle sources were available close to the plume axis at the onset of magmatism. This is likely to be due to the mixing of plume material with entrained upper mantle during ascent of the plume head (Griffiths and Campbell, 1990; Campbell, 2007).

In the BTIP, although N-MORB is the dominant source mantle type, Icelandic-type mantle source is also tapped (Chambers and Fitton, 2000; Kent and Fitton, 2000). On Mull,  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  values fluctuate between positive and negative some 700 m above the base of the lava pile, before returning to a negative  $\Delta\text{Nb}$ . Three main magma types have been identified from the BTIP (M1-M3) that appear to be successive (Kent and Fitton, 2000). Basaltic dykes from the BTIP indicate the presence of Icelandic mantle throughout the history of the province. Kent and Fitton (2000) considered the existence of positive  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  M1 dykes to result from an initially heterogeneous outer plume head containing blobs of enriched mantle within a dominantly N-MORB source matrix. This heterogeneous margin was then displaced by enriched Icelandic-type material abruptly at  $58.66 \pm 0.25$  Ma (Chambers and Fitton, 2000), to account for the increase in  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  sampled by M2 basalts. This ‘wave’ of enriched material receded at  $\sim 58$  Ma, back to a dominantly N-MORB source, but again with heterogeneous blobs, accounting for the presence of positive  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  in M3 dykes. The  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  anomaly during Phase 1 magmatism in the NAIP was at least twice the size as it is today. Positive  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  values are found in the BTIP, erupted around 1500 km from the proposed plume centre at 58 Ma (Lawver and Müller, 1994), whereas the present-day  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  anomaly reaches no further than around 700 km (Fitton et al., 1997). This finding is consistent with the idea that Phase 1 and 2 magmatism was the result of a large start-up plume head at least 2000 km in diameter.

When the BTIP samples from this study are plotted on a Nb/Y v Zr/Y diagram (Figure 2.8), two samples each from Skye and Mull exhibit positive  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  and the rest have negative  $\Delta\text{Nb}$ . This shows that the BTIP picrites sampled a heterogeneous mantle, with both N-MORB and enriched mantle present. All of the Iceland samples from the Tertiary and the neovolcanic zones have positive  $\Delta\text{Nb}$  (Figure 2.8), as expected.

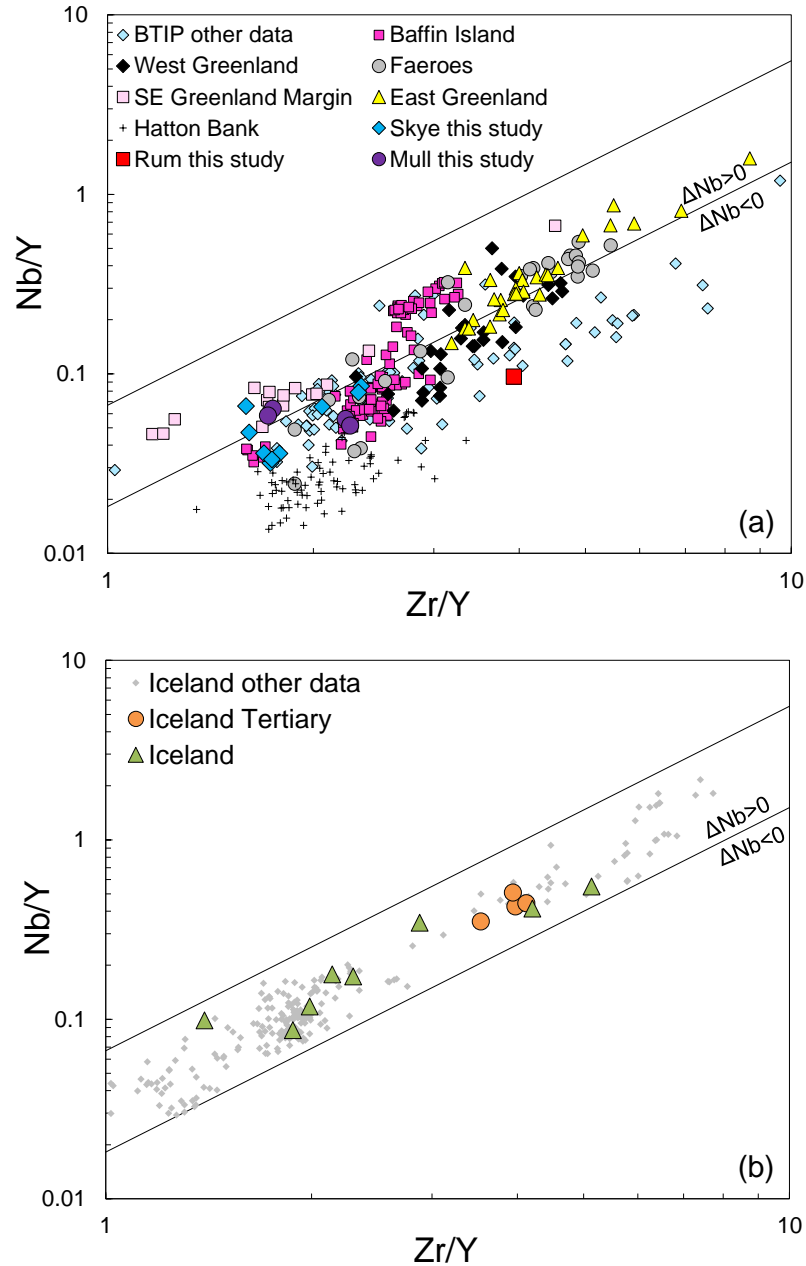


Figure 2.8: (a) Nb/Y and Zr/Y variation of onshore and offshore Phase 1 and 2 basaltic rocks from the NAIP. The parallel lines define the upper and lower bounds of the Iceland array (Fitton et al., 1997). Data sources: Skye, Rum and Mull this study, Baffin Island (Starkey et al., 2009), West Greenland (Holm et al., 1993; Starkey et al., 2009), SE Greenland Margin (Fitton et al., 1998), East Greenland (Upton et al., 1984; Larsen et al., 1989), Faeroes (Gariépy et al., 1983), Hatton Bank (Brodie and Fitton, 1998), BTIP (compiled from the NAIP GEOROC database, [www.georoc.mpch-main.gwdg.de/georoc](http://www.georoc.mpch-main.gwdg.de/georoc)). The data set is filtered to remove crustally contaminated samples with  $Ba/Zr > 2$ , although none of the samples from this study show any indications of crustal contamination. (b) Nb/Y and Zr/Y variation of Iceland basaltic rocks. Other Iceland data was compiled from the the Iceland GEOROC database, [www.georoc.mpch-main.gwdg.de/georoc](http://www.georoc.mpch-main.gwdg.de/georoc).



## 2.6 Mineral chemistry

Olivine phenocryst and Cr-spinel compositions were determined using a Cameca SX100 electron microprobe at the Edinburgh Materials and Micro Analysis Centre, University of Edinburgh (full results can be found in Appendix E and F and analytical details can be found in Appendix B.2).

### 2.6.1 Skye

Forsterite (Fo) contents (atomic  $\text{Mg}/(\text{Mg}+\text{Fe}) \times 100$ , also known as Mg number or Mg#) of olivine crystals from Skye (Figure 2.9) indicate that the majority of olivine cores lie in the range  $\text{Fo}_{91-93}$  (117 out of 133 core analyses). The average composition is  $\text{Fo}_{91.1}$ . There is no correlation between olivine morphology and composition. Out of 13 rim analyses, 6 showed normal zoning with a decrease in Fo content from 0.3-1.6, 4 had negligible change and 3 indicated minor reverse zoning, with an increase in Fo of 0.1-0.25 (Table 2.2). 23 matrix olivines were analysed and these exhibited a systematically lower forsterite content with an average of  $\text{Fo}_{88.7}$  and ranged from  $\text{Fo}_{84.8-91.1}$ .

If the olivine crystals are subtracted from the bulk-rock composition, matrix compositions ranging from 12.2-16.7 wt% MgO are calculated, with an average of 14.4 wt%. A melt of this composition is calculated to be in equilibrium with an olivine of composition  $\text{Fo}_{88.6}$  (assuming an olivine-melt Fe-Mg exchange coefficient of 0.32 (Roeder and Emslie, 1970)), very close to the average composition of matrix olivine. The majority of phenocrysts are therefore not in equilibrium with the matrix. These observations suggest that most olivine crystals crystallized from high-MgO melts. Due to their high density, it is likely that the primary liquids remained at depth and that the olivines were picked up by melts with lower MgO. These melts must have ascended very rapidly to the surface (likely in a matter of days) in order for only minor Fe-Mg re-equilibration to occur.

Table 2.2: Olivine compositions of crystals with both core and rim data from Skye

Olivine	Core Mg#	Rim Mg#
S1_2	91.68	91.65
S1_14	91.54	91.16
S3_4	91.50	91.47
S5_7	91.54	91.50
S5_9	91.45	91.61
S5_19	91.53	91.78
S8_1	91.03	90.66
S8_6	90.72	90.89
S9_1	91.65	90.09
S9_4	91.64	91.19
S9_6	91.81	90.94
S9_15	90.91	90.18
S10_3	92.10	92.03

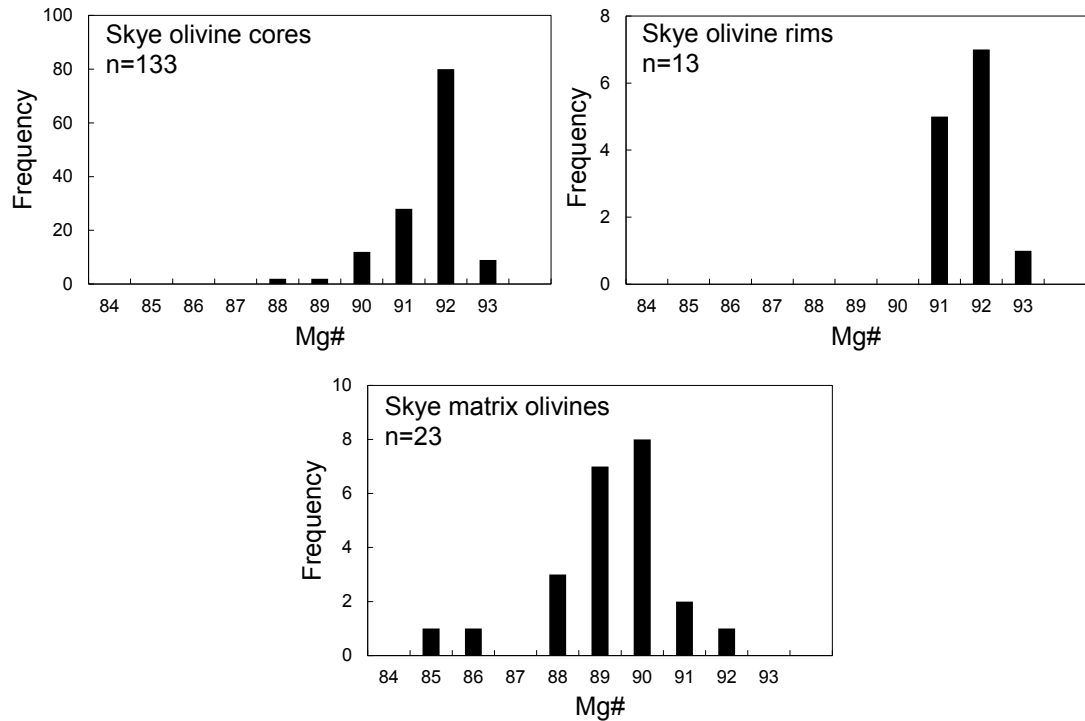


Figure 2.9: Frequency histograms of Skye olivine core, rim and matrix compositions (Mg#).

### 2.6.2 Mull

Olivines from Mull can be divided into 3 distinct populations (Figure 2.10): a highly magnesian population  $\text{Fo}_{90-93}$  (average  $\text{Fo}_{91.7}$ ) consisting of the large, blocky and smaller euhedral crystal morphologies, a less magnesian population  $\text{Fo}_{83-89}$  (average  $\text{Fo}_{86.2}$ ) made of smaller euhedral crystals, and a population of

elongated crystals in the matrix with composition  $\text{Fo}_{81.6-84}$ . The first two populations are all normally zoned down to  $\text{Fo}_{82.9-88.5}$  (Table 2.3), and the zoned rim is generally around 200-300  $\mu\text{m}$  thick (Figure 2.10). The composition of the lowest Mg rims and matrix olivine is very similar, suggesting that the rims grew from the same magma that the matrix crystallized from. The emplacement history of the Mull olivines is therefore likely to be very similar to that on Skye, however the presence of much more significant and better developed normal zoning suggests that they either did not ascend as rapidly, or were stored briefly in a shallow magma reservoir before emplacement.

### 2.6.3 Rum

The olivines from R10 can be divided into 2 distinct populations based on Mg-content (Figure 2.10) and are less Fo-rich than the samples from Skye. The high-Mg population ranged from  $\text{Fo}_{87.7}$  to  $\text{Fo}_{89.7}$  (average  $\text{Fo}_{88.6}$ ). A less magnesian population with  $\text{Fo}_{83.8-86.2}$  is present, with an average composition of  $\text{Fo}_{84.8}$ . Both populations exhibit normally zoned rims down to  $\text{Fo}_{80.1}$  (Table 2.3) with a thickness of up to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ . It is likely the emplacement history of the Rum olivines is very similar to the Mull samples, however the initial primary magma composition would have been less MgO-rich than from Skye or Mull, indicated by the less-forsteritic olivine cores. The olivines from M9 were described in detail by Upton et al. (2002). Two discrete populations are present, a primitive population with compositions ranging up to almost  $\text{Fo}_{93.0}$ , and a less Mg-rich population with compositions ranging from  $\text{Fo}_{86.2}$  to  $\text{Fo}_{90.2}$ .

The olivines from Skye and Mull are as primitive as the most Mg-rich olivines found in the BTIP. The only other olivines with up to  $\text{Fo}_{93}$  come from the M9 dyke on Rum (Upton et al., 2002), which will also be included in the temperature calculations in Chapter 3. The samples from Skye and Rum therefore offer an excellent opportunity to try and determine the maximum temperatures that were present during Phase 1 magmatism. The olivines from R10 are not as Mg-rich, and are likely to record lower magmatic temperatures, however they are still primitive enough to record information about the early stages of magmatism, and so are still of interest to this study.

Table 2.3: Olivine compositions of crystals with both core and rim data from Rum and Mull

Olivine	Core Mg#	Rim Mg#
R10_1	87.68	80.14
R10_4	89.65	85.18
R10_6	88.59	84.83
R10_9	83.83	80.46
R10_11	87.90	84.01
R10_13	86.24	80.51
R10_18	84.21	80.56
R10_22	88.81	85.94
MU1.1_1	92.10	88.25
MU1.1_7	92.20	88.53
MU1.1_15	91.84	87.12
MU1.1_19	91.59	85.37
MU1.1_24	92.29	84.01
MU1.1_27	92.06	86.04
MU1.2_1	90.30	84.88
MU1.2_8	91.86	86.96
MU1.2_14	89.81	82.94
MU1.2_17	90.26	86.00
MU1.2_24	85.66	85.68
MU1.2_26	87.13	84.89
MU2.2_3	92.31	82.86
MU2.2_6	90.48	87.40
MU2.2_9	92.05	82.67
MU2.2_11	92.44	85.85
MU2.2_13	86.22	85.42
MU2.2_23	92.26	85.76
MU3.1_1	92.11	86.07
MU3.1_4	90.81	86.11
MU3.1_6	90.86	87.65
MU3.1_8	89.81	83.82

### 2.6.4 Iceland

The neovolcanic Iceland samples can generally be split into two categories on the basis of olivine composition (Figure 2.11): (i) samples with olivine compositions ranging from  $\text{Fo}_{89.2-91.3}$  and (ii) samples with olivine compositions ranging from  $\text{Fo}_{86.1-87.6}$ , i.e. a primitive suite and a slightly more evolved suite. In some samples, two olivine populations were present: a more Mg-rich population up to  $\text{Fo}_{91.3}$  and a less-Mg rich population with core compositions ranging from  $\text{Fo}_{83.0-87.6}$ . A third population was observed in several samples, with core compositions  $\text{Fo}_{81-83}$ . In two samples (I5 and I9), only one population of olivines (the more Mg-rich population) is present. All samples exhibit normally zoned rims down to  $\text{Fo}_{80}$  (Table 2.4) and there is substantial compositional overlap between the less Mg-rich olivine cores and the normally zoned rims (Figure 2.11), similar to that observed from Mull and Rum. Compared to Mull and Rum, the normally zoned rims are much thinner,  $<100 \mu\text{m}$ , and many are only a few 10s of  $\mu\text{m}$  wide.

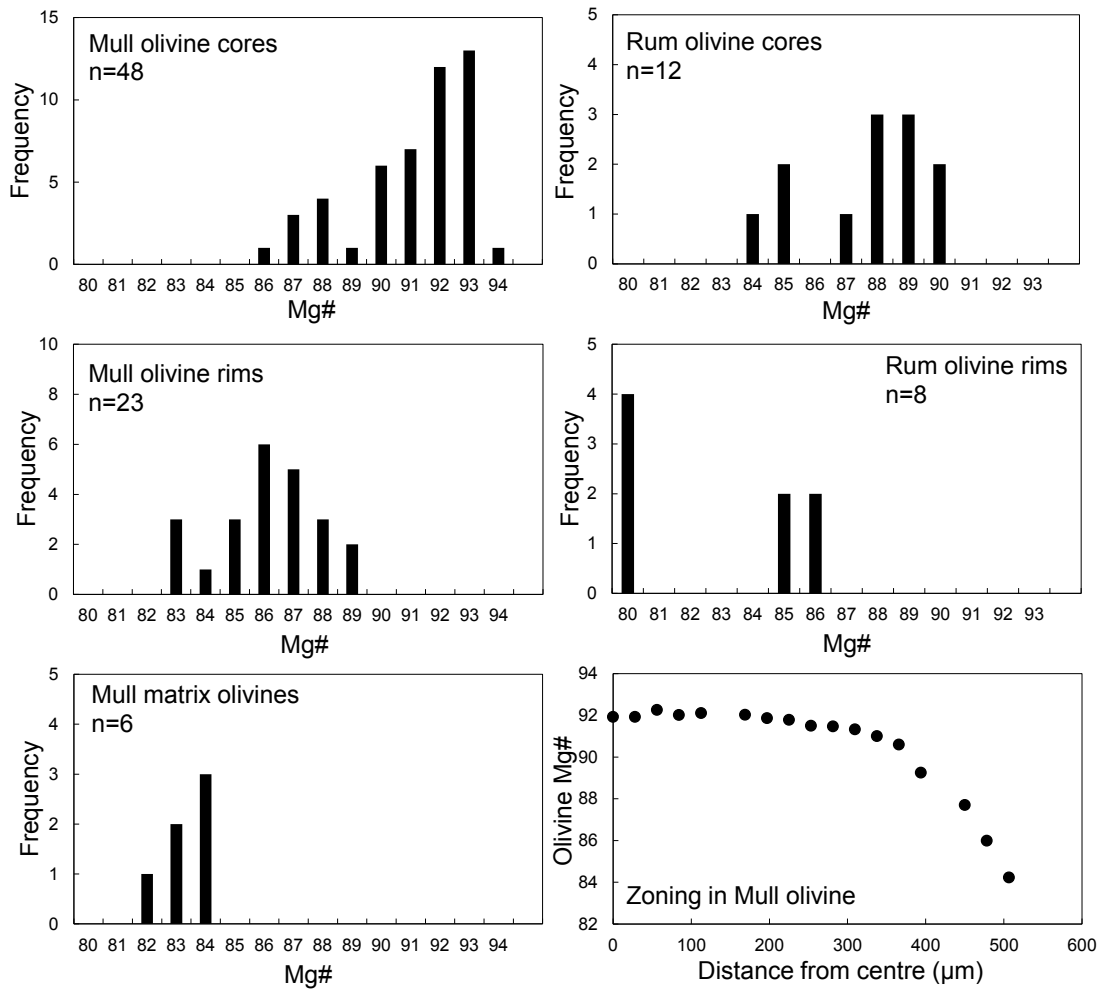


Figure 2.10: Frequency histograms of olivine core and rim compositions (Mg#) from Mull and Rum. Bottom right pane, an example of a zoning profile from an olivine in sample MU3.1. Distance from the centre of the olivine is plotted against olivine Mg#.

Most Iceland Tertiary samples contained only one olivine population (Figure 2.11), ranging from  $\text{Fo}_{83-88}$ , however two samples (ED and VEY) contained a small number of slightly less Mg-rich olivines down to  $\text{Fo}_{80}$ , and one sample (VEY), also contained a population of more primitive olivines up to  $\text{Fo}_{90.7}$ . Both normal and reverse zoning is present, however many crystals showed no change in composition between the olivine core and the rim (Table 2.4; Figure 2.11).

Table 2.4: Olivine compositions of crystals with both core and rim data from Iceland

Olivine	Core Mg#	Rim Mg#
ED_8	85.25	85.63
ED_17	85.79	85.90
KoP_10	83.72	86.25
KoP_16	85.88	87.71
SD_1	85.53	85.80
SD_14	85.76	85.94
VEY_1	90.38	90.44
VEY_5	81.56	83.30
VEY_12	90.32	89.88
VP1a_2	87.70	87.98
VP1a_13	86.02	86.22
VP1b_1	85.03	84.20
VP1b_11	87.96	87.50
I2_1	89.67	89.74
I2_6	89.93	81.59
I2_8	89.78	85.76
I2_11	89.81	86.93
I2_18	89.50	89.69
I3_2	85.00	80.27
I3_11	87.62	83.32
I5_2	88.72	85.74
I5_8	89.20	85.77
I5_10	88.46	84.84
I5_13	88.11	87.30
I6_2	89.74	83.41
I6_9	89.97	87.27
I6_15	88.85	86.71
I6_17	87.65	80.97
I7_4	86.12	80.67
I7_7	85.71	80.06
I7_11	85.88	82.02
I7_15	86.09	81.76
I9_3	90.13	87.30
I9_5	89.48	87.73
I9_13	88.75	87.77

### 2.6.5 Baffin Island and West Greenland

The composition of the Baffin Island and West Greenland olivines is discussed in detail by Starkey (2009), so is only briefly summarised here. Three populations of olivine are present: (i) large, highly magnesian crystals ( $\text{Fo}_{90-93}$ ) with normally zoned rims ( $\text{Fo}_{78-85}$ ), (ii) smaller crystals with normal zoning from  $\text{Fo}_{88}$  in the core down to  $\text{Fo}_{77-85}$  at the rim, and (iii) small crystals of  $\text{Fo}_{87-88}$  with some zoning present down to  $\text{Fo}_{74-84}$  at the rims. This is very similar to the Mull olivines, and so the crystal growth and evolution history is likely to have been very similar.

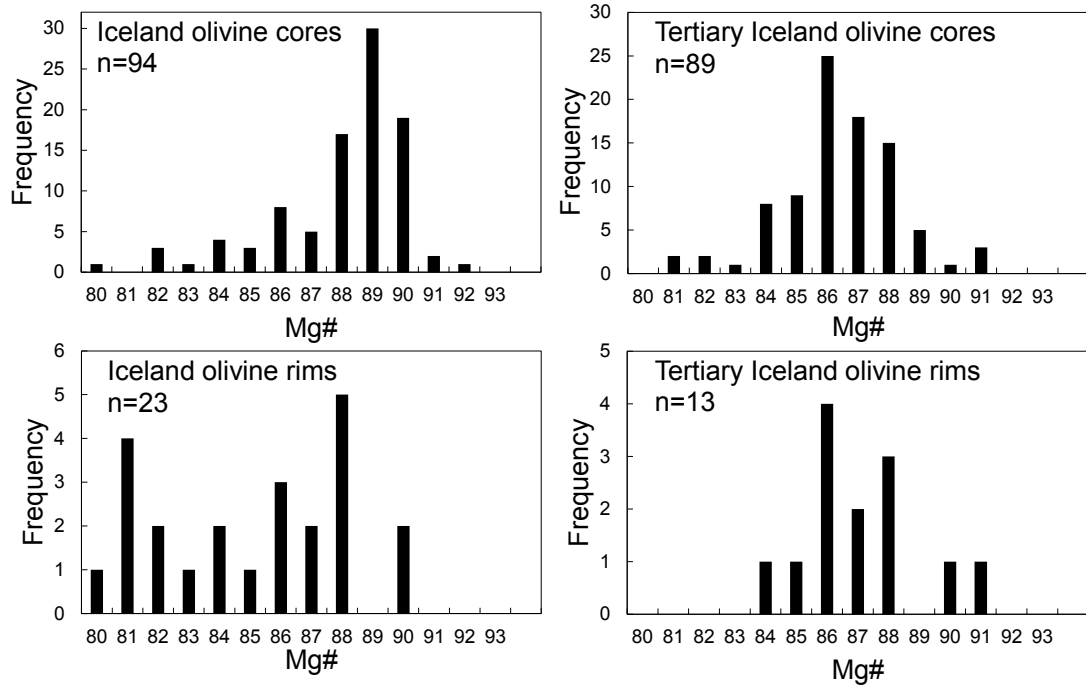


Figure 2.11: Frequency histograms of olivine core and rim compositions (Mg#) from neovolcanic and Tertiary Iceland samples.

### 2.6.6 The magma system and origin of high-Mg olivines

It has been suggested that highly magnesian crystals ( $\sim\text{Fo}_{93}$ ) could represent mantle xenocrysts, xenocrysts from dunite cumulates on the magma chamber floor, or phenocrysts that are the product of extreme fractional melts that exited the melting regime (Francis, 1985; Herzberg and O'Hara, 2002; Yaxley et al., 2004). The presence of melt inclusions in all crystal types from each sample location indicates that the crystals were crystallized from melts. The CaO content of individual olivines (Figure 2.12) is much higher than that found in mantle xenocrysts, indicating a magmatic origin. The exception is for R10 from Rum, which contains some olivines with CaO contents that indicate the presence of some mantle xenocrysts. Additionally, oxide variation plots of NiO,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and MnO against olivine Mg# (Figure 2.12) show smooth trends, suggesting that within each suite, the olivines crystallized from the same magmatic system.

Kink-banding or strain lamellae, indicated by extinction discontinuities, are present in some high-Mg olivines from Skye, Rum, Mull and Iceland (Figure 2.4). This

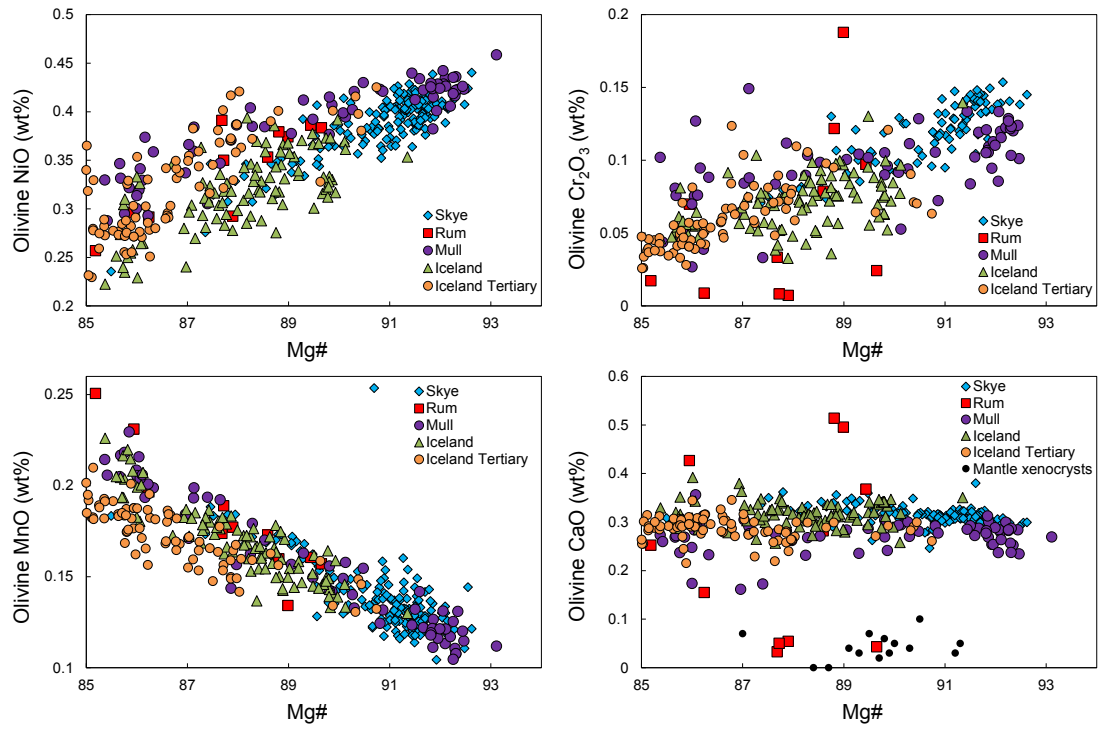


Figure 2.12: Oxide variation diagrams of NiO, Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MnO and CaO (in wt%) against olivine Mg#. Mantle xenocryst data from Upton et al. (2011).

feature is commonly associated with cumulate deposits (Holness et al., 2007b,c), and has previously been described in Icelandic olivines (Francis, 1985; Helz and Thornber, 1987; MacLennan et al., 2003b; Thompson and MacLennan, 2013) and it is thought that these crystals were derived from cumulate rocks or mush prior to eruption. It is therefore possible that this is the case for the high-Mg olivines from the BTIP and Iceland. The common occurrence of glomerocrysts with 120° grain boundaries further suggests that these crystals may have been derived from cumulates or dense crystal mush. The suggestion by Francis (1985) that the high-Mg crystals may represent early dunite cumulates from the floor of the magma chamber may therefore be valid. Certainly the mineral layering in the Mull intrusive bodies suggests the involvement of a magma chamber in which some kind of cyclical process was occurring. These types of crystal would represent the products of earliest fractional crystallization from the most primitive primary melts in the magmatic system. It has also been suggested that such Mg-rich olivines may be wall-rock xenocrysts or phenocrysts crystallized from advanced fractional melts that exited the melting regime (Herzberg and O'Hara, 2002). Both of these suggestions are a possibility, but are hard to discern petrograph-



ically or chemically. The implications in relation to temperature and primary magma composition calculations of such a scenario is discussed in more detail in Section 3.2.3.

In many magmatic systems, a single pathway of magma evolution cannot account for the varying compositions of crystals in a sample. It has been proposed that many volcanic rocks represent a liquid containing a crystal cargo that is a mix of crystals inherited from prior liquids that existed at different places and times in the magmatic system (Davidson et al., 2007). Such crystals have been termed ‘antecrysts’ as they are not true phenocrysts or xenocrysts, because they are grown and recycled within the same magmatic system. Many volcanic rocks therefore represent a mixture of liquid, recycled antecrysts and true phenocrysts. In the case of this study, the recycled antecrysts are likely the high-Mg olivines, and the true phenocrysts are crystals with core compositions matching the composition of crystal rims and groundmass olivines. While the minor oxide (NiO, Cr<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub>, MnO and CaO) trends of olivines in this study show good general trends with forsterite content, there is quite a lot of scatter and variation within an individual sample suite (Figure 2.12). This was noted to be the case in the West Greenland picrites by Larsen and Pedersen (2000), and was interpreted to be the result of crystal mixing from several magma batches and from crystals picked up from conduit sidewalls at depth.

Larsen and Pedersen (2000) envisaged the eruption of the West Greenland picrites to have occurred as crystal-charged magma batches ascending rapidly through steep, dyke-like conduits. High-Mg olivines would have crystallized at depth and less magnesian olivines were crystallized at shallower levels. Pulsating magma ascent would lead to mixing of magma and crystal batches in various stages of fractionation and equilibration. In order to keep the high-Mg olivines in suspension, high magma ascent rates are required. For an olivine with a core composition of Fo<sub>92.6</sub> with a 400  $\mu$ m rim down to Fo<sub>88</sub>, i.e. very similar to some Mull olivines, Larsen and Pedersen (2000) calculate that the rim would form in a period of  $\sim$ 2 months at 1300 °C. If the crystal formed at 30 km, this represents a magma ascent velocity of 500 m/day or 0.6 cm/s. Similar ascent rates are envisaged for the olivines from Mull and Rum, however the poorly developed zoning in the Skye olivines suggests that they sat around at depth for longer equilibrating with a high-Mg melt and/or their ascent rates were much more rapid. Faster primary

magma ascension rates have been suggested elsewhere, such as up to 10 cm/s at Hawaii (Maaløe, 1973).

### 2.6.7 Cr-spinel chemistry

Cr-spinel compositions in primitive rocks have been shown to be a complex function of magma composition, source composition,  $fO_2$ , crystallization temperature, cooling rate and pressure (Roeder, 1994, and references therein). Fractional crystallization (resulting in decreasing melt Mg# and temperature), leads to a decrease in the Mg# of co-crystallizing spinel and olivine, as shown in Figure 2.13. The range in spinel Mg# at any given olivine composition is due to a range of factors including the relative activities of Cr and Al in spinel, and hence the melt  $Al_2O_3$  content,  $fO_2$ , and the cooling rate and post-entrapment re-equilibration (Kamenetsky et al., 2001).

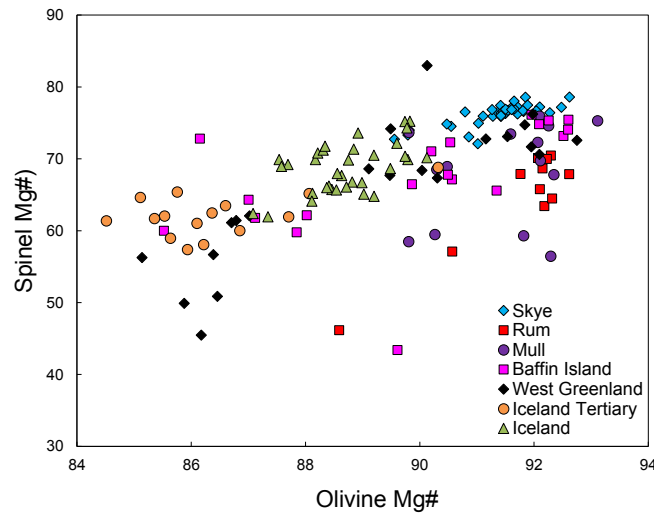


Figure 2.13: Mg# of host olivine and Cr-spinel inclusions.

A positive correlation between  $Al_2O_3$  and  $TiO_2$  contents in coexisting melts and spinels has been demonstrated (Kamenetsky et al., 2001), and it is therefore suggested that an  $Al_2O_3$  vs  $TiO_2$  diagram can be used to discriminate Cr-spinels that crystallized at different tectonic settings, as shown in Figure 2.14. The majority of the samples used in this study plot in the MORB field rather than in

the LIP or ocean island basalt (OIB) field, however it was noted by Kamenetsky et al. (2001) that Cr-spinels from West Greenland picrites plot in a field outside of the main LIP field. The NAIP Cr-spinels have notably much lower  $\text{TiO}_2$  and higher  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents those that plot within the LIP and OIB fields. Since spinel  $\text{TiO}_2$  and  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  abundance is thought to be primarily controlled by the melt composition, it is likely that these differences are due to variable mantle source compositions and melting conditions (such as pressure,  $f\text{O}_2$ ).

It is also worth noting that the neovolcanic Iceland Cr-spinels have a strong bimodal distribution, forming a high  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , low  $\text{TiO}_2$ , low  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  group and a low  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , high  $\text{TiO}_2$ , high  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  group. This distribution is correlated with geographic location. The high  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  group are from samples erupted in the NVZ and RVZ, while the low  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  group are from spinels hosted in samples from the EVZ. It is possible that the bimodal distribution reflects the difference in melting conditions experienced at the different volcanic zones. The EVZ is located above the centre of the plume conduit, and hence the highest melt fractions and thickest crust is generated here (e.g. Thordarson, 2007). The RVZ and NVZ samples however, were formed in locations with much lower crustal thicknesses, and hence the melting conditions may have been quite different compared to those at the EVZ.

## 2.7 Summary

This chapter presents the field geology, petrology, major and trace element data and mineral chemistry data for the new NAIP samples used in this study. These are the Skye, Mull and R10 picritic dykes from the BTIP, and the Iceland neovolcanic samples. The Skye samples and R10 from Rum are small (up to 30 cm wide) dykes that intrude the central complexes. The Mull picrites are larger intrusive bodies that intrude the Mull Central Complex. All of these samples are highly olivine-rich (up to 48% by volume) with Cr-spinel present as inclusions in the olivine and as a phenocryst phase. The neovolcanic Iceland samples range from almost aphyric to highly porphyritic, with up to 45% by volume of olivine crystals. Cr-spinel is again present as inclusions within olivine and as a phenocryst phase. The whole-rock major and trace element data was compared to

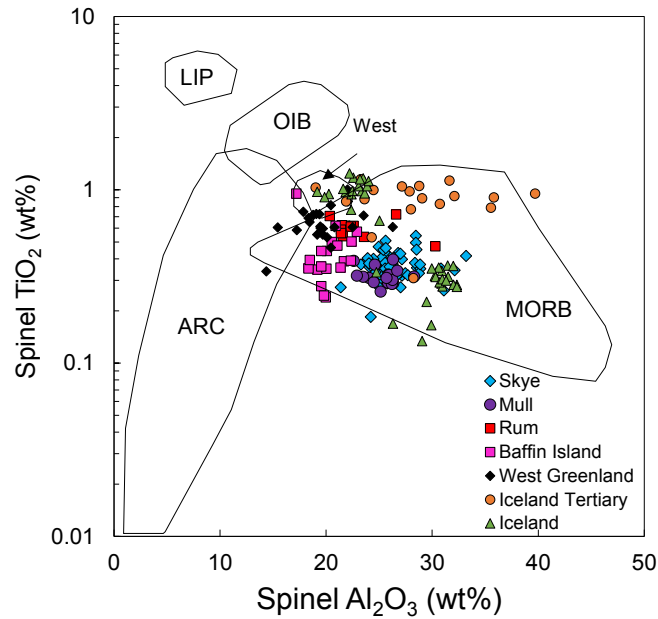


Figure 2.14:  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  vs  $\text{TiO}_2$  content of Cr-spinel inclusions in primitive olivine ( $\text{Mg}\# > 85$ ). The fields for MORB, OIB, LIP, West Greenland and island-arc magmas (ARC) are from Kamenetsky et al. (2001).

other available data for each area showing that the samples follow similar trends except that they tend to fall on the high-MgO end of the compositional array. Highly magnesian olivine crystals up to  $\text{Fo}_{92.6}$  are a common feature of the BTIP picrites and are as Mg-rich as the most primitive olivines found elsewhere in the NAIP (the M9 dyke from Rum and the Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites). The olivines from the Iceland samples are not as primitive as those from the early NAIP. The neovolcanic Iceland samples contain olivines up to  $\text{Fo}_{91.3}$  and the Iceland tertiary picrites contain olivines up to  $\text{Fo}_{90.7}$ . The highly Mg-rich olivines are shown to have a magmatic origin as their CaO content is much higher than mantle xenocryst olivines. In addition, oxide variation plots of NiO,  $\text{Cr}_2\text{O}_3$  and MnO against olivine Mg# show smooth trends, indicating that within each suite, the olivines crystallized from the same magmatic system.

# 3 Thermometry

## 3.1 Introduction

Olivine is the first major phase to crystallize in primitive melts and equilibrates with magma in the mantle source region (O'Hara, 1968). Consequently, most previous studies that have used a petrologic approach to determining the temperature of the mantle have focused on the temperature at which olivine and melt equilibrate. Traditionally, there have been two main approaches to this. Both use bulk-rock basalt compositions that have only crystallized or accumulated olivine since formation. The first approach, known as olivine-melt thermometry, incrementally adds or subtracts equilibrium olivine to the bulk-rock until a primary liquid composition that would be in equilibrium with the most primitive olivine phenocryst in the sample is calculated. The exchange of Fe and Mg between olivine and melt is temperature dependent, so if the most primitive olivine phenocryst and primary liquid compositions are known, it is possible to estimate the temperature by application of a thermometer (e.g. Roeder and Emslie, 1970; Ford et al., 1983; Beattie, 1993; Putirka, 2005; Putirka et al., 2007). The second approach adds equilibrium olivine to the bulk-rock to produce a range of possible primary magma compositions which are then compared with experimentally determined mantle melt compositions generated from melting of mantle peridotite (e.g. Herzberg and O'Hara, 2002; Green and Falloon, 2005; Herzberg et al., 2007; Herzberg and Asimow, 2008; Herzberg and Gazel, 2009; Herzberg and Asimow, 2015).

Many of these studies suggest a difference in mantle potential temperature between mid-ocean ridge (MOR) and LIP settings of 100-300°C (Herzberg and O'Hara, 2002; Putirka, 2005; Herzberg et al., 2007; Putirka et al., 2007; Herzberg and Asimow, 2008; Herzberg and Gazel, 2009). Specifically in the NAIP, anomalies of  $\sim 300^\circ\text{C}$  (Herzberg and Gazel, 2009) and  $\sim 160^\circ\text{C}$  (Putirka et al., 2007)

are measured from Phase 1 and modern Icelandic basalts, respectively. Unfortunately, both approaches require a number of variably constrained parameters that will be discussed in detail in Section 3.2.3. As a result, there are large uncertainties associated with these types of calculations and contrasting results have been published in the literature. For example, Falloon et al. (2007a,b) calculated that the mantle potential temperature at MORs and Hawaii is the same, whilst others suggest a large temperature anomaly of around 250°C above that of ambient mantle is present at Hawaii (Putirka et al., 2007; Herzberg and Gazel, 2009).

More recently, it has been noted that elements such as Cr, Al, V, Sc, Ca and Na show large concentration ranges in olivine, and have partition coefficients that are highly temperature sensitive. This will consequently allow for simple geothermometers based on the concentrations of these elements in olivine (De Hoog et al., 2010). A thermometer based on the Al content of olivine was calibrated by Wan et al. (2008), and it is possible to estimate the equilibration temperature of olivine and Cr-spinel to within  $\pm 22^\circ\text{C}$ . In addition, empirical tests suggest that this method is free of the uncertainties and problems associated with olivine-melt thermometry, and may therefore be a more reliable method of temperature estimation.

The purpose of this chapter is to use both of the traditional petrologic approaches and Al-in-olivine thermometry to constrain the temperature of the mantle source region of the NAIP samples. The problems associated with the more traditional methods will be investigated, and then the results of all three techniques will be compared in order to identify the best technique. This work is the first study to compare all techniques in detail using the same sample suite.

## 3.2 Olivine-melt Fe-Mg thermometry

### 3.2.1 Introduction

Olivine-melt thermometry estimates the temperature at which an olivine was in equilibrium with the melt from which it crystallized. The forsterite-fayalite

phase diagram (Figure 3.1) illustrates the monotonic relationship between the forsterite content of olivine and temperature. Olivines of higher forsterite content equilibrate with liquids with high Mg# at a higher temperature.  $\text{Mg\#}^{liq} = X_{Mg}^{liq} / (X_{Mg}^{liq} + X_{Fe}^{liq})$ , where  $X_{Mg}^{liq}$  and  $X_{Fe}^{liq}$  are the cation fractions of Mg and Fe in the liquid, with Fe as  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$ . However in natural systems, Fe and Mg may vary independently, and the monotonic relationship between forsterite content and temperature cannot be applied.

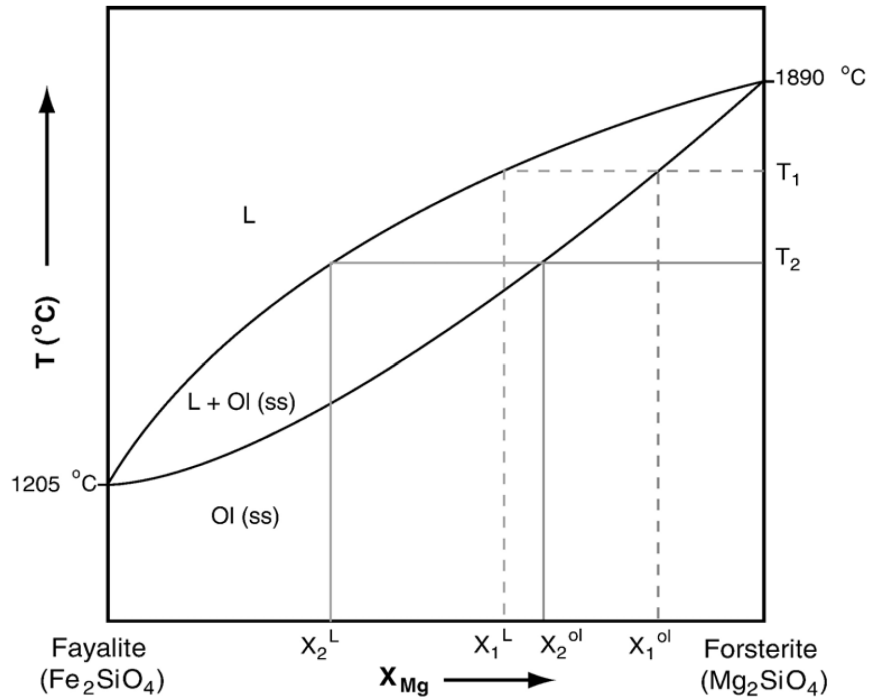
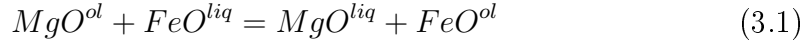


Figure 3.1: The binary phase diagram for forsterite-fayalite. At temperature  $T_1$ , a liquid of composition  $X_1^L$  will equilibrate with an olivine of composition  $X_1^{Ol}$ . At a lower temperature,  $T_2$ , liquid of composition  $X_2^L$  will equilibrate with an olivine of composition  $X_2^{Ol}$ , which has a lower forsterite content than the olivine equilibrated at  $T_1$ . However, in natural systems, Fe and Mg may vary independently, hence the simple monotonic relationship between Fo content and  $T$  is not applicable. From Putirka et al. (2007)

### Roeder and Emslie thermometer

Roeder and Emslie (1970) were the first to study olivine-melt equilibria, and investigate Fe-Mg partitioning between olivine and liquid. Their landmark study

showed that the equilibrium constant for Fe-Mg partitioning between olivine and liquid, known as the Fe-Mg exchange coefficient, or  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq} = [X_{Fe}/X_{Mg}]^{ol} / [X_{Fe}/X_{Mg}]^{liq}$ , in the reaction:



is nearly constant even when temperature and composition are varied. However, later work has shown that  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  increases with pressure (Herzberg and O'Hara, 1998), and this has been accounted for in more recent thermometers. Mg# of the liquid therefore still controls the Fo content of an olivine in equilibrium with the liquid, however it is dependent on the value of  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$ , calculated by Roeder and Emslie (1970) to be  $0.30 \pm 0.03$  at atmospheric pressure. While a high Fo olivine can crystallize from a liquid with high Mg#, if the liquid also has low  $X_{Fe}^{liq}$ , then  $X_{Mg}^{liq}$  must also be low, requiring equilibration at low temperature.

The olivine-saturation surface, experimentally calculated by Roeder and Emslie (1970), shown in Figure 3.2, is a useful means of illustrating this principle. The saturation surface provides a graphical estimation of the Mg and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  contents required of the liquid to crystallize an olivine of a specific forsterite composition at a certain temperature. Lines radiating from the origin are lines of constant olivine composition and are calculated using the olivine forsterite content at a specific  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$ . Crosscutting lines are isotherms and are calculated from the ratio of Mg and Fe between olivine and the liquid,  $D_{Mg}^{ol/liq}$  and  $D_{Fe}^{ol/liq}$  (Equation 3.2 and 3.3), which are temperature dependent, and the relationship shown in Equation 3.4.

$$D_{Mg}^{ol/liq} = -2.02 + \frac{44905.5}{T} \quad (3.2)$$

$$D_{Fe}^{ol/liq} = -2.66 + \frac{3793.3}{T} \quad (3.3)$$

Olivine stoichiometry requires that  $X_{Mg}^{ol} + X_{Fe}^{ol} = 2/3$  and, by definition,  $D_{Mg} = X_{Mg}^{ol} / X_{Mg}^{liquid}$  and  $D_{Fe} = X_{Fe}^{ol} / X_{Fe}^{liquid}$ . Rearrangement of these expressions gives



$X_{Mg}^{ol} = [X_{Mg}^{liquid}] [D_{Mg}]$  and  $X_{Fe}^{ol} = [X_{Fe}^{liquid}] [D_{Fe}]$ , which can be substituted into  $X_{Mg}^{ol} + X_{Fe}^{ol} = 2/3$  to yield:

$$\left[ X_{Mg}^{liq} \right] \left[ D_{Mg}^{ol/liq} \right] + \left[ X_{Fe}^{liq} \right] \left[ D_{Fe}^{ol/liq} \right] = 0.667 \quad (3.4)$$

The equilibration temperature can be estimated for an olivine of specific composition using the saturation surface if either  $X_{Fe}^{liq}$  or  $X_{Mg}^{liq}$  is known. The saturation surface illustrates the importance of the independent variation of Fe and Mg of a liquid on temperature. For example, a liquid with  $X_{Fe}=0.095$  and  $X_{Mg}=0.27$  will crystallize an olivine of Fo<sub>90</sub> at 1600°C, whereas a liquid with  $X_{Fe}=0.08$  will crystallize an olivine of Fo<sub>90</sub> at a temperature of 1500°C, if the liquid  $X_{Mg}=0.225$ . Therefore, it is possible to crystallize a high-Fo olivine across a range of temperatures, dependent on the  $X_{Fe}^{liq}$  content of the liquid. While high-Fo olivines are often suggestive of high- $T$  primitive melts, this conclusion cannot be drawn without the application of a thermometer.

### Other olivine-melt thermometers

A number of olivine-melt thermometers have since been devised (e.g. Ford et al., 1983; Beattie, 1993; Putirka, 2005; Putirka et al., 2007). By using these thermometers, with knowledge of the olivine and primary magma composition, it is possible to calculate the  $T$  at which an olivine equilibrated with the melt. The Beattie (1993) model was considered to be superior by Putirka et al. (2007), however it produces systematic errors at high pressure and temperature, and also overestimates temperature in the presence of water, and so is only useful for anhydrous systems at  $T < 1650^\circ\text{C}$  (Putirka, 2008). Putirka et al. (2007) presented an updated thermometer to account for H<sub>2</sub>O and SiO<sub>2</sub> content and the pressure sensitivity as noted by Herzberg and O'Hara (1998). The Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer is currently considered the most up-to-date olivine-melt thermometer, and so its application to the NAIP sample suite is explained in detail below.

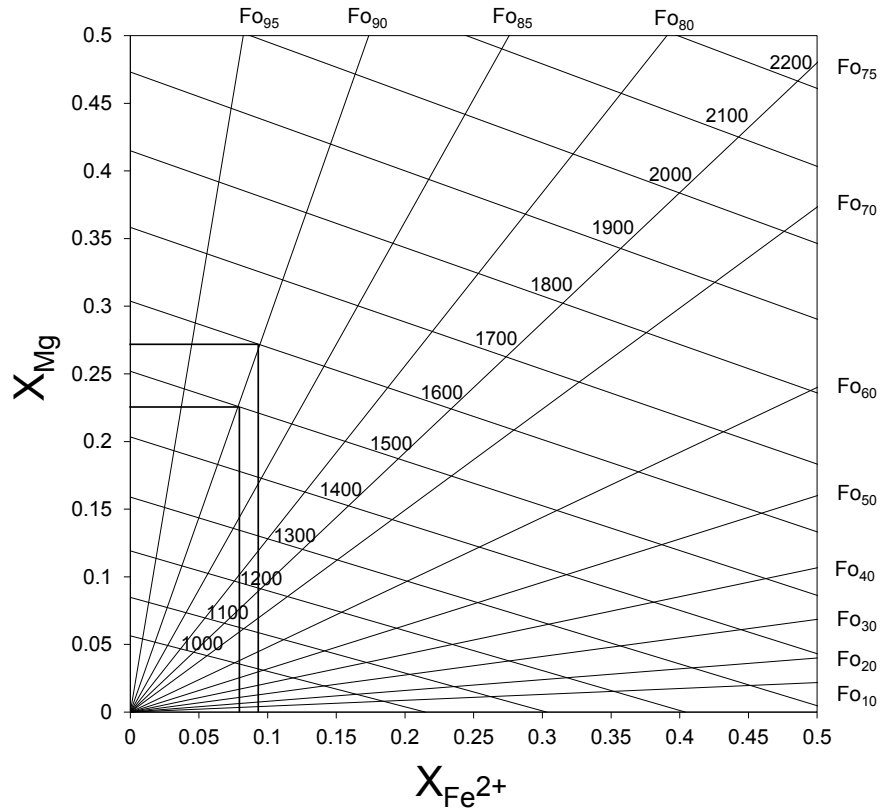


Figure 3.2: The olivine saturation surface calculated by Roeder and Emslie (1970) for a  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  value of 0.32 (the average value for the 0.5-2.0 GPa pressure range). Lines radiating from the origin are lines of constant olivine composition while the crosscutting lines are isotherms. The temperature contours (in °C) are close to horizontal because  $D_{Mg}^{ol/liq}$  is much more sensitive to temperature than  $D_{Fe}^{ol/liq}$ . For a given olivine composition,  $T$  can be estimated from the intersection of the respective constant Fo line with a point of fixed  $X_{Fe}^{liq}$  and  $X_{Mg}^{liq}$ . The black lines represent two liquids with  $X_{Fe}^{liq}=0.08$  and  $X_{Mg}^{liq}=0.225$ , and  $X_{Fe}^{liq}=0.095$  and  $X_{Mg}^{liq}=0.27$ . Each of these liquids would crystallize a Fo<sub>90</sub> olivine at 1500°C and 1600°C, respectively.

### 3.2.2 Application of olivine-melt thermometry to the NAIP

In order to calculate the olivine-melt equilibrium temperature, the following parameters must be known: the composition of the primary melt, the pressure of olivine-liquid equilibrium, and hence  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$ , the composition of the olivines that equilibrated with the primary melt, and the oxygen fugacity ( $f\text{O}_2$ ). These parameters are discussed in more detail below.

#### Primary melt composition

The Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer works in much the same way as the Roeder and Emslie (1970) olivine-saturation surface. Primitive MgO liquid contents can be estimated by determining the MgO content of a liquid in equilibrium with the most primitive olivine phenocryst present in the sample. Once the primary magma composition is known, the temperature can be calculated using a saturation surface. As with the Roeder and Emslie (1970) saturation surface, the cation fractions of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  and Mg in the liquid are required. In order to calculate a cation fraction, the content of the other major cation components must be known, and it is therefore necessary to calculate the whole-rock composition of the primary liquid. If the bulk composition of the sample and the composition of the most forsteritic olivine are known, then this can be done by estimating the MgO content of a liquid that must have crystallized that particular olivine, and adding or subtracting equilibrium olivine until this ‘target MgO’ is achieved.

If the bulk composition of picritic rocks is controlled only by the addition or subtraction of olivine, then they can be plotted along an olivine control line. The olivine control line is constructed using the method of Herzberg et al. (2007). A representative bulk-rock composition for each suite is selected and its equilibrium olivine composition is calculated. Equilibrium olivine is then added or subtracted incrementally to the representative sample to generate the olivine control lines shown in Figure 3.3, allowing the fractional crystallization of olivine to be easily visualised. All of the samples in the present study are picrites, and therefore do lie along olivine control lines.

Commonly in picritic suites, rocks with high MgO do not represent liquids, but are aggregates of primitive olivine phenocrysts and basaltic liquid. This is clearly the case for many of the samples in the present study, with bulk-rock MgO contents ranging up to  $>30$  wt%. Phenocrysts in such rocks are recognised to be early precipitates that are later remobilized, particularly in large-volume eruptions (e.g. Murata and Richter, 1966; Helz and Thornber, 1987; Clague et al., 1991; Baker et al., 1996; Norman and Garcia, 1999). It is therefore unclear where along the olivine control line the MgO content of the primary magma plots. However, because the exchange coefficient of  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  between olivine and melt is close to 1, the FeO content of the primitive liquid is nearly constant along the olivine control line, (Figure 3.3) allowing MgO content of the primary magma to be estimated where the most primitive olivine saturation line intersects the olivine control line. If the accumulated olivines are out of equilibrium with the liquids, then this is different from reverse fractional crystallization. However, the differences are small and may be neglected (Herzberg et al., 2007). The choice of the most forsteritic olivine is a key source of uncertainty for the olivine-melt thermometer and its impact will be considered later in more detail.

The NAIP samples are plotted onto olivine control lines in Figure 3.3. This diagram again illustrates the importance of liquid FeO content on olivine melt thermometry, as the MgO content of a primary magma required to equilibrate with an olivine of specific forsterite content increases as the FeO content increases. The Skye, Mull and West Greenland samples all lie along one curve, indicating derivation from primary magmas with similar FeO contents. The Rum samples plot close to the high FeO curve, indicating that their primary magmas had a higher FeO content. The samples from Baffin Island and Iceland do not fall on the same curve, suggesting derivation from primary magmas with variable FeO contents, and therefore either a heterogeneous mantle source (as was suggested by Larsen and Pedersen (2000) for West Greenland picrites using a similar technique) or a difference in pressure of melting. The Iceland samples that plot on the higher curve are from the EVZ (I5 and I6). All other Iceland samples are from the RVZ or the NVZ. The EVZ has the thickest crust in Iceland, so it is possible that the higher FeO contents of I5 and I6 reflect higher melting pressures.

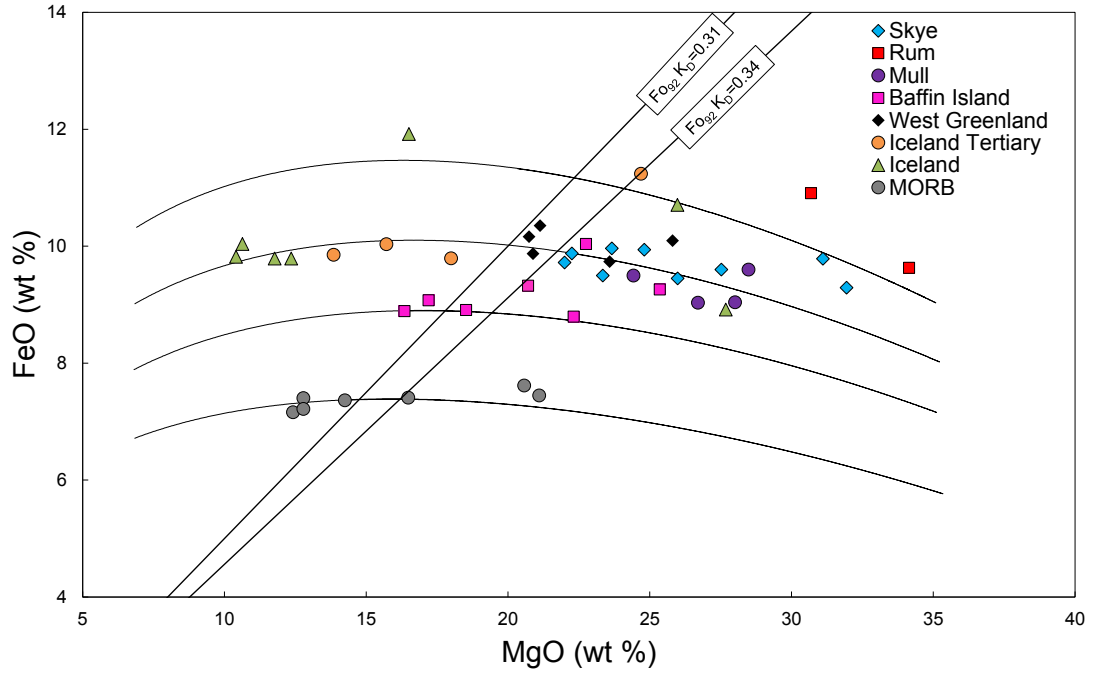


Figure 3.3: Olivine control lines (black curves) with the bulk rock FeO and MgO of each NAIP sample plotted. The upper, second and third curves were generated using samples I5, S9 and PAD6, respectively. In this figure, all samples have an assumed bulk-rock  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.1$ , except for MORB, which has an assumed  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.07$  (Christie et al., 1986). The MORB rocks are from the Siqueiros transform fault of the East Pacific Rise (Perfit et al., 1996). The MORB olivine control line was generated using sample ALV2384-003 (Perfit et al., 1996). The two straight lines intersecting the olivine control curves represent olivine of composition  $\text{Fo}_{92}$  at  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{\text{ol-liq}}$  of 0.31 and 0.34. The MgO content of the primary magma is calculated from where the line of the most primitive olivine phenocryst in the sample intersects the olivine control line.

### Oxidation state

The ‘target MgO’ of the primary magma for each sample was determined from the intersection of the most primitive olivine composition line with the relevant olivine control curve. This requires knowledge of the FeO and Fe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> contents of the lava, as only Fe<sup>2+</sup> can be incorporated into the olivine structure. However, XRF analysis only measures total Fe. It is often assumed that most mantle primary magmas have Fe<sup>2+</sup>/ΣFe=0.9, based on natural compositions determined analytically by Rhodes and Vollinger (2005). However, evidence suggests that some OIBs might be more oxidised (Herzberg and Asimow, 2008). Larsen and Pedersen (2000) analysed glasses from the West Greenland picrites and found them to be more oxidised, and consequently suggested that a value of Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe=0.15 would be more appropriate. The ‘target MgO’ was therefore determined at Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe=0.1 and Fe<sup>3+</sup>/ΣFe=0.15 in all samples, to account for the possible range in mantle oxidation states. Varying the amount of oxidised iron between 10% and 15% generally resulted in a change of primary magma MgO of ~1 wt%.

### Pressure and $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$

The value of  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  has an important influence in olivine-melt thermometry. While  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  is nearly constant across a wide range of temperatures, bulk compositions and  $f\text{O}_2$ , it is variable with pressure, as demonstrated in Figure 3.4. This variation can be expressed as:

$$K_D(\text{Fe} - \text{Mg})^{ol-liq} = 0.29 + 0.002 \cdot \sqrt{P} + 0.04 \cdot \tan^{-1}(P) - 0.0005 \cdot P \quad (3.5)$$

where  $P$  is the equilibrium pressure in GPa. As will be discussed in Section 3.2.3, the choice of  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  is a major source of uncertainty in olivine-melt thermometry techniques, and it is necessary to estimate the pressure of melting and olivine equilibrium for each sample suite. Melting in the BTIP is thought to have initiated at depths well in excess of 100 km (Scarrow and Cox, 1995; Kent and Fitton, 2000; Upton et al., 2002). Similarly, Herzberg and O’Hara (1998)

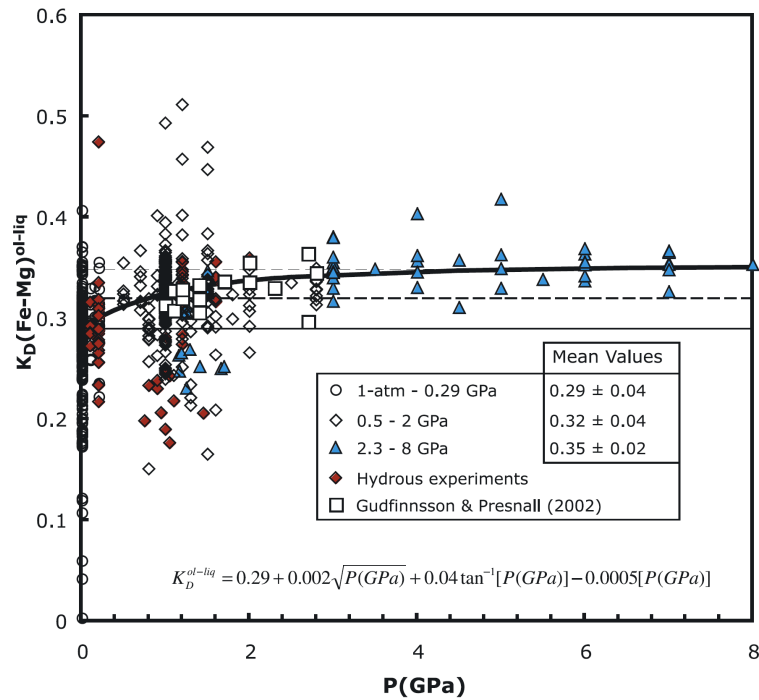


Figure 3.4:  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  plotted against pressure. At pressures up to 4 GPa,  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  increases significantly with  $P$ . From Putirka (2005).

estimated that the average segregation pressures for the West Greenland picrites was  $\sim 38$  kbar, with initial melting pressures of  $\sim 45$  kbar, and it is thought that the Baffin Island picrites experienced very similar melting conditions (Starkey, 2009). Putirka et al. (2007) assumed olivine equilibration at or near the base of the lithosphere at 3 GPa in Hawaii, and therefore a  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  of 0.34. Larsen and Pedersen (2000) argue that the West Greenland primary melts were in equilibrium with the most forsteritic olivines near the base of the lithosphere. If we also assume this occurred for the most primitive olivines in the Baffin Island and BTIP samples, then the same  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  as in Hawaii can be applied. A lithosphere of 100 km thickness is thought to have been present in West Greenland (Larsen and Pedersen, 2009), whilst the BTIP lithosphere is estimated to have been around 75 km thick at the onset of magmatism (Kerr, 1994; Kent and Fitton, 2000). Putirka et al. (2007) estimated  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq} = 0.33$  for Iceland picrites, representing equilibration of olivines at 2.3 GPa, and this value has been applied here.

The value of  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  is important in the determination of ‘target MgO’,

Table 3.1: Maximum forsterite content of olivine and ‘target MgO’ for each sample used in the olivine-melt thermometry calculation. a and b are ‘target MgO’ where  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.1$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.15$ , respectively.

Sample	$\text{Fo}_{max}$	‘Target MgO’ a	‘Target MgO’ b
S1	91.7	21.0	20.0
S2	92.1	22.2	21.2
S3	91.7	21.0	19.9
S5	92.0	21.8	20.9
S6	91.7	21.1	20.1
S7	91.2	20.1	19.1
S8	91.3	20.4	19.3
S9	92.0	21.8	20.9
S10	92.6	23.3	22.4
R10	89.5	18.9	17.9
M9	92.8	26.4	25.5
MU1.1	92.4	23.1	21.9
MU1.2	90.3	18.2	17.3
MU2.2	92.3	22.8	21.8
MU3.1	92.1	22.0	21.0
PAD4	92.6	21.9	22.0
PAD5	92.2	20.0	19.2
PAD6	92.3	20.4	19.5
DUR6	92.4	20.6	19.7
DUR8	91.1	19.8	18.8
APO4	90.2	15.7	14.9
APO7	92.9	24.5	23.3
138345	92.8	23.6	22.6
340740	92.4	23.0	21.8
354754	92.1	21.6	20.7
362077	92.3	22.3	21.2
400230	92.0	21.7	20.8
ED1	86.3	11.9	11.1
SDA1	85.8	12.9	11.9
VEY1	90.7	18.4	17.6
VP1	88.0	13.9	13.1
I2	90.0	17.8	17.0
I3	87.6	12.9	12.1
I5	89.2	17.4	16.6
I6	90.1	19.0	18.0
I9	90.1	16.8	15.9

and hence the final temperature calculation. Figure 3.3 demonstrates this effect. The two straight lines intersecting the olivine control lines represent olivine of constant composition  $\text{Fo}_{92}$ , however one has a  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}=0.31$ , the other, 0.34. The increase in  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  results in a 2 wt% increase in ‘target MgO’ and will therefore have an important effect on the final temperature calculation. The most primitive olivine composition and ‘target MgO’ for each sample is presented in Table 3.1.

Once the ‘target MgO’ content has been determined, equilibrium olivine is added or subtracted incrementally (in steps of 0.1 wt%) to the bulk-rock composition until the ‘target MgO’ content is achieved. Since olivine is the only major phase



to have fractionated, this provides a means for estimating the content of the other major oxides in the primary melt. This calculated melt composition is taken as the parental melt since it is ‘the most primitive magma that can be inferred from direct observation of a rock suite, and the observation that retains the earliest evidence of differentiation is the most magnesian olivine phenocryst composition’ (Herzberg et al., 2007).

The average parental melt composition for each suite at the two oxidation states is presented in Tables 3.2 and 3.3. Full results are presented in Appendix G. Under the more oxidising conditions, the BTIP primary magmas range from 17.3-22.4 wt% MgO, except for M9, whose primary magma is estimated to have contained 25.5 wt% MgO. The MgO content of Baffin Island and West Greenland primary magmas is calculated to be 14.9-23.3 wt% MgO, with most samples ranging from 19 to 22 wt% MgO, in excellent agreement with previous estimates. The maximum MgO contents, however, are higher by 1-2 wt% than estimates by Kent (1995) for BTIP lavas, Yaxley et al. (2004) for Baffin Island lavas and Larsen and Pedersen (2000) for West Greenland lavas, as most of these estimates range up to a maximum of 21-22 wt% MgO. Additionally, the estimate for M9 from Rum is extraordinarily high and is unlikely to be correct, as a primary magma with 25 wt% MgO would result in the eruption of komatiitic lava, which is not seen anywhere in the BTIP. Possible explanations for the high primary magma MgO contents will be discussed in Section 3.2.3. For Iceland, the parental liquid MgO content ranges from 12.9-19.0 wt% (neovolcanic) and 11.9-18.4 wt% (Tertiary) in the less oxidised state and 12.1-18.0 wt% (neovolcanic) and 11.1-17.6 wt% (Tertiary) in the more oxidised state, in excellent agreement with the calculations carried out on Icelandic rocks by Putirka et al. (2007).

Table 3.2: Average parental melt composition calculated for each sample suite where  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.1$ .

Suite	wt% olivine added	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO <sub>T</sub>	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	Total
<b>Skye</b>	-17.5	45.5	11.3	11.3	21.4	8.8	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.2	100.0
<b>Rum</b>	-41.7	43.4	10.2	13.3	23.0	7.6	1.4	0.1	0.9	0.2	100.0
<b>Mull</b>	-16.9	45.2	11.3	11.1	21.5	8.9	1.0	0.1	0.6	0.2	100.0
<b>Baffin Island</b>	-0.4	46.8	11.0	10.2	20.4	9.4	1.2	0.0	0.8	0.2	100.0
<b>West Greenland</b>	0.7	45.3	10.1	10.9	22.4	8.8	1.2	0.1	0.9	0.2	100.0
<b>Iceland Tertiary</b>	-13.4	47.7	12.8	11.6	14.2	10.6	1.4	0.1	1.2	0.2	100.0
<b>Iceland</b>	-7.2	46.7	12.0	11.7	16.8	10.3	1.3	0.1	0.9	0.2	100.0

Table 3.3: Average parental melt composition calculated for each sample suite where  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.15$ .

Suite	wt% olivine added	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO <sub>T</sub>	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	Total
<b>Skye</b>	-20.7	45.7	11.7	11.2	20.4	9.1	0.8	0.1	0.6	0.2	100.0
<b>Rum</b>	-45.0	43.5	10.5	13.6	21.9	7.8	1.4	0.1	0.9	0.2	100.0
<b>Mull</b>	-25.6	45.5	11.7	11.0	20.5	9.3	1.1	0.1	0.6	0.2	100.0
<b>Baffin Island</b>	-3.1	47.1	11.4	10.1	19.6	9.6	1.2	0.0	0.8	0.2	100.0
<b>West Greenland</b>	0.7	45.3	10.1	10.9	22.4	10.0	8.8	1.2	0.1	0.9	100.0
<b>Iceland Tertiary</b>	-15.9	48.3	13.2	11.0	13.4	11.0	1.5	0.1	1.3	0.2	99.9
<b>Iceland</b>	-9.9	46.9	12.4	11.5	15.9	10.6	1.4	0.1	1.0	0.2	100.0

## Temperature calculation

Once the parental melt compositions are known, it is possible to plot each sample on the olivine saturation surface. Putirka (2005) recalibrated the olivine saturation surface model to include a correction for compositional variations in the liquid of H<sub>2</sub>O, Na<sub>2</sub>O+K<sub>2</sub>O and SiO<sub>2</sub>. Putirka et al. (2007) further refined the thermometer by calibrating a pressure-sensitive model using experimental data. The model encompasses the pressure range 0-15.5 GPa and a temperature range of 965-2080°C, and is valid for water contents ranging from 0-18.6 wt% and is expressed as:

$$\ln D_{Mg}^{ol/liq} = -2.158 + 55.09 \cdot \frac{P}{T} - 0.06213 \cdot [H_2O^{liq}] + \frac{4430}{T} + 0.05115 \cdot [Na_2O^{liq} + K_2O^{liq}] \quad (3.6)$$

$$\ln D_{Fe}^{ol/liq} = -3.3 + 47.57 \cdot \frac{P}{T} - 0.05192 \cdot [H_2O^{liq}] + \frac{3344}{T} + 0.05595 \cdot [Na_2O^{liq} + K_2O^{liq}] + 0.01633 \cdot [SiO_2^{liq}] \quad (3.7)$$

where  $T$  is the temperature in °C and  $P$  is the pressure in GPa. The values for  $Na_2O^{liq}+K_2O^{liq}$  and  $SiO_2^{liq}$  are taken from the calculated parental melt compo-

sitions (wt%). A water content of 0.375 wt% was chosen for Iceland, after Dixon et al. (2002) who characterised the volatile contents of mantle sampled by OIB and MORB. This is higher than the value of 0.05 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O in MORB (Dixon et al., 2002), as OIB magmas are recognised to contain more water than MORB magmas. The water content of olivines from West Greenland indicate that the mantle source region had >300 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O (Jamtveit et al., 2001), which is significantly higher than the estimated N-MORB mantle source value of 100-200 ppm (Michael, 1988; Bell and Rossman, 1992). Jamtveit et al. (2001) estimated that a mantle source with 400 ppm H<sub>2</sub>O would produce melts with 0.2-0.4 wt% H<sub>2</sub>O and that the most primitive olivines crystallizing near the base of the lithosphere are likely to have crystallized from melts with the lowest H<sub>2</sub>O contents. A water content of 0.375 wt% has therefore been selected for the early NAIP samples, and this is likely to be a maximum estimate.

Each sample was plotted on an olivine saturation surface to determine the temperature of olivine-melt equilibration. These plots are shown in Figures 3.5, 3.6, and 3.7, with results from models run at  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.1$  and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.15$  shown. Straight lines of constant olivine composition are shown on the saturation surface. The isotherms are generated using Equations 3.6 and 3.7. Each sample plots within  $\pm \text{Fo}_{0.5}$  of the maximum forsterite content used to calculate ‘target MgO’. This error is well within the approximate model error of  $\pm 45^\circ\text{C}$  calculated when the uncertainties from  $D_{\text{FMg}}^{\text{ol/liq}}$  and  $D_{\text{Fe}}^{\text{ol/liq}}$  are propagated through the saturation surface (Putirka, 2005).

A summary of the calculated olivine-melt equilibration temperature for each suite is shown in Table 3.4, and the temperature of each sample compared to MORB is plotted in Figure 3.8. Temperatures range up to 1625°C for the BTIP (excluding the value of 1715°C calculated from M9, which is unreasonably high), 1665°C at Baffin Island and 1635°C at West Greenland. The Putirka et al. (2007) olivine-melt thermometer accounts for differences in H<sub>2</sub>O contents between MORB and OIB/LIP, and for variations in major element components (alkalis and SiO<sub>2</sub>). Additionally, CO<sub>2</sub> contents as high as 30 wt% in the liquid do not affect  $D_{\text{Mg}}^{\text{ol/liq}}$  or the temperature calculations. The large difference in olivine-melt equilibrium temperature must reflect actual temperature differences between the mantle source region of MORB and the NAIP, and it is not reasonable to argue that volatile content or variations in source composition have influenced the calculations. The

Iceland Tertiary samples record a maximum temperature of 1515°C, and the neovolcanic zone Iceland samples record a maximum of 1550°C, a thermal anomaly of  $135 \pm 45^\circ\text{C}$  and  $170 \pm 45^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively. The results suggest a cooling of the North Atlantic mantle between  $\sim 61$  Ma and 13-14 Ma and a slight warming since the eruption of the Iceland Tertiary picrites (13-14 Ma). However these two Iceland temperatures are within the error of the thermometer, so it is not possible to draw this conclusion from the application of olivine-melt Fe-Mg thermometry alone.

The maximum temperature calculated for the neovolcanic zone Iceland samples is in excellent agreement with that of Putirka et al. (2007), who calculated a temperature of 1520°C using a different suite of rocks. The temperatures calculated for the BTIP are much higher than in a recent study by Hole et al. (2015), which applied the Putirka et al. (2007) method to a suite of dykes from Islay, Jura and Gigha and calculated olivine-melt equilibration temperatures of up to 1400°C. However, the olivines in the present study are far more primitive than those from Islay, Jura and Gigha, which had a maximum Mg# of 89.9, and so it is unsurprising that higher temperatures are calculated here.

There is a large spread in the calculated temperatures within each suite. The Baffin Island and Iceland samples record the largest spread, with a range in temperature of 215°C and 165°C (for both the Tertiary and neovolcanic samples), respectively. However, the composition of the most Mg-rich olivine varies between samples, and so a spread in temperature is expected. For example, the most primitive olivine from the Baffin Island sample APO7 had an Mg# of 92.9, whereas the most primitive olivine from APO4 was 90.2. As was discussed in Section 2.6.6 and 3.2.2, it is thought that many primitive volcanic rocks contain a mix of crystals that formed from different melts at different depths and times in the magmatic system. It is likely that the spread in olivine composition both within a sample and between samples from the same suite is a reflection of this. This is in turn reflected in the range in maximum temperatures calculated within a single sample suite.

Table 3.4: Maximum and average temperatures of olivine-melt equilibria for each sample suite using olivine-melt thermometry.  $\Delta T$  is  $T_{max} - T_{MORB}$ , where  $T_{MORB} = 1380^\circ\text{C}$  (Putirka et al., 2007). Temperatures are in  $^\circ\text{C}$ , and results run at two different oxidation conditions are shown: a,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.1$  and b,  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.15$ . The model error is estimated to be  $\pm 45^\circ\text{C}$ .

	<b>a</b>			<b>b</b>		
Suite	$T_{max}$	$T_{average}$	$\Delta T$	$T_{max}$	$T_{average}$	$\Delta T$
<b>Skye</b>	1625	1591	245	1610	1574	230
<b>Rum</b>	1715	1630	335	1700	1613	320
<b>Mull</b>	1620	1545	240	1605	1574	225
<b>Baffin Island</b>	1665	1569	285	1625	1541	245
<b>West Greenland</b>	1635	1612	255	1610	1595	230
<b>Iceland Tertiary</b>	1515	1414	135	1495	1395	115
<b>Iceland</b>	1550	1471	170	1525	1450	145

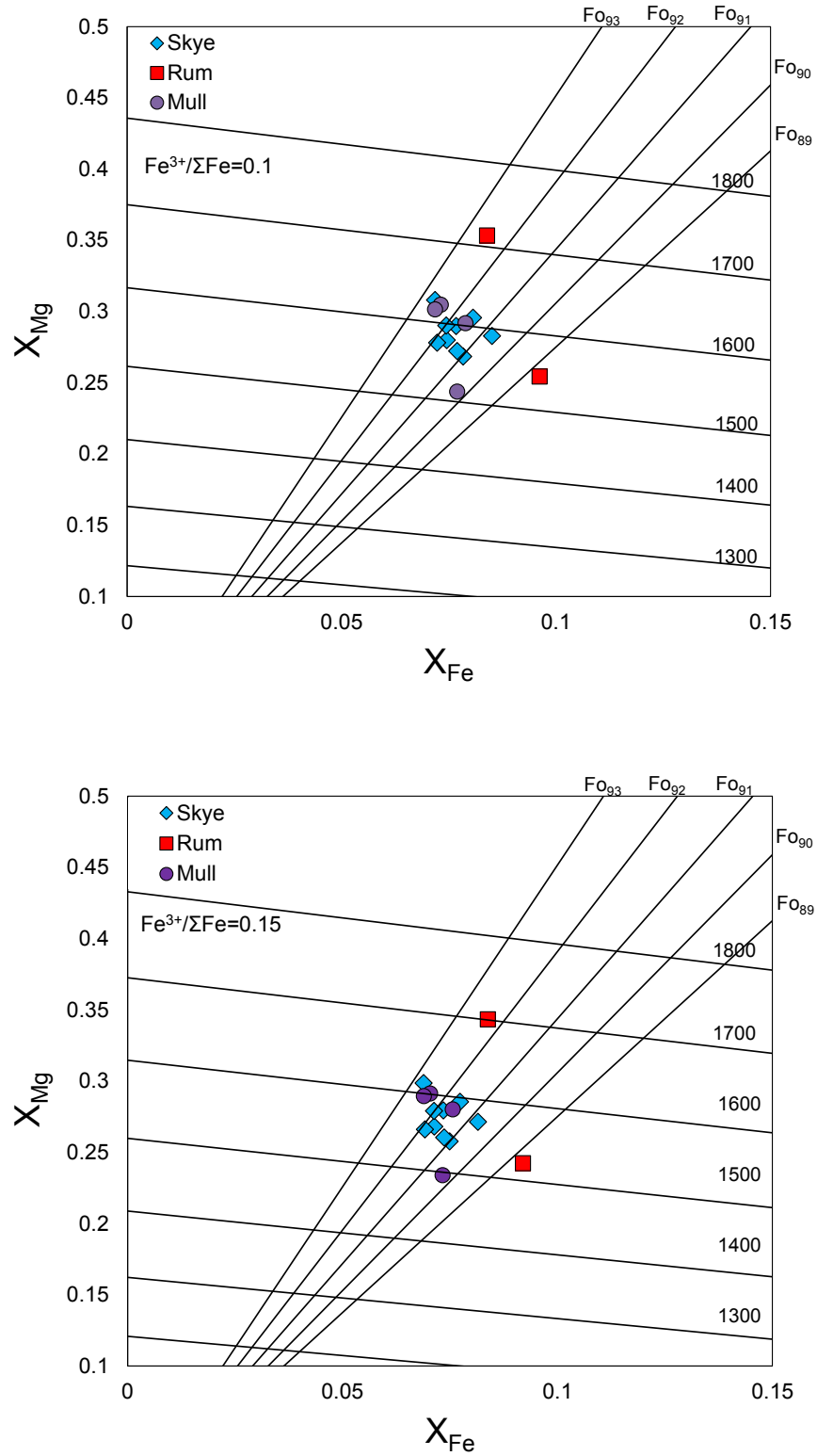


Figure 3.5: Olivine saturation model used to calculate temperatures from the British Tertiary Igneous Province picrites. Results run at two different oxidation conditions are shown. The data are generated from the most primitive olivine present in each sample as in Table 3.1. Isotherms are in °C.

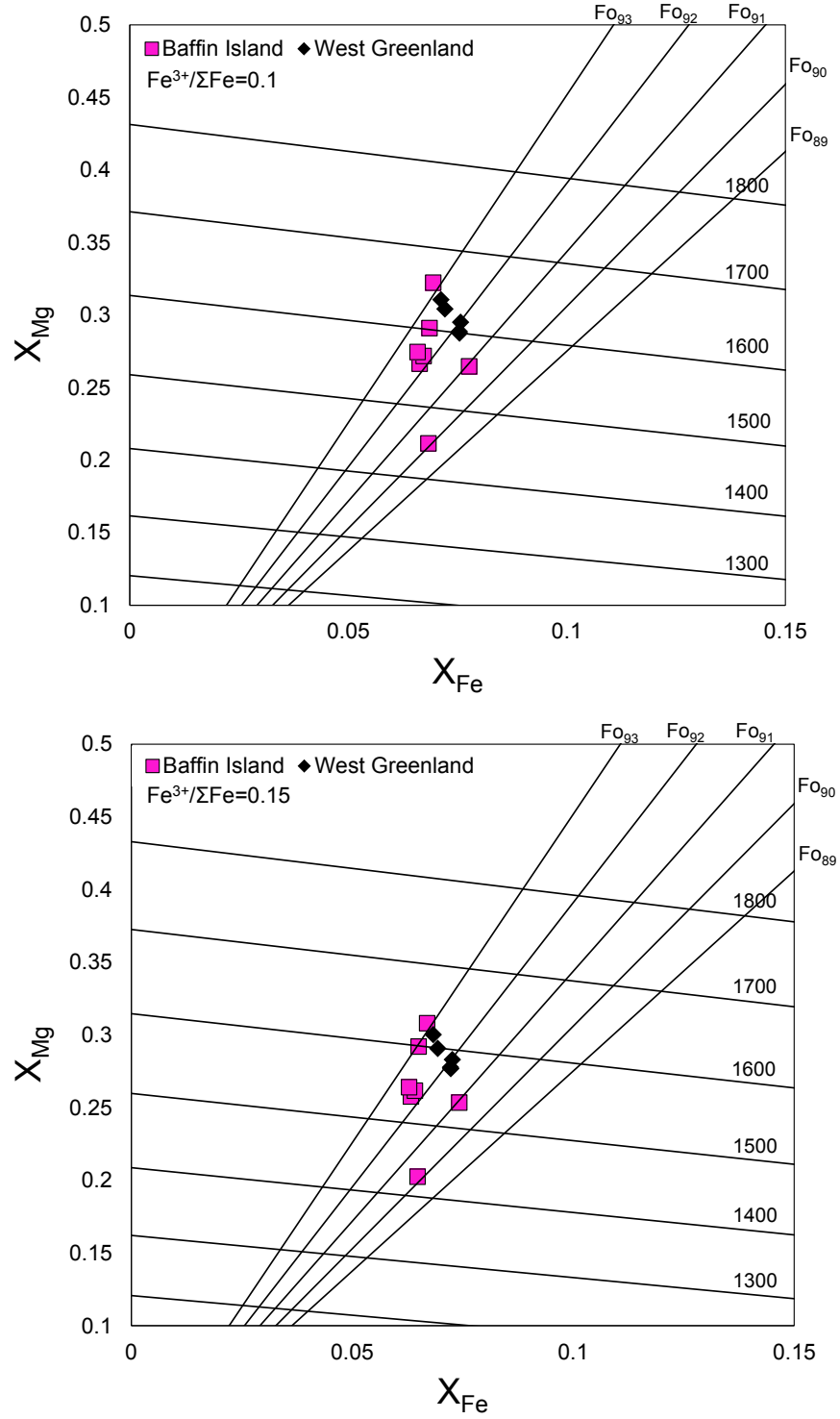


Figure 3.6: Olivine saturation model used to calculate temperatures from Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites. Results run at two different oxidation conditions are shown. The data are generated from the most primitive olivine present in each sample as in Table 3.1. Isotherms are in °C.

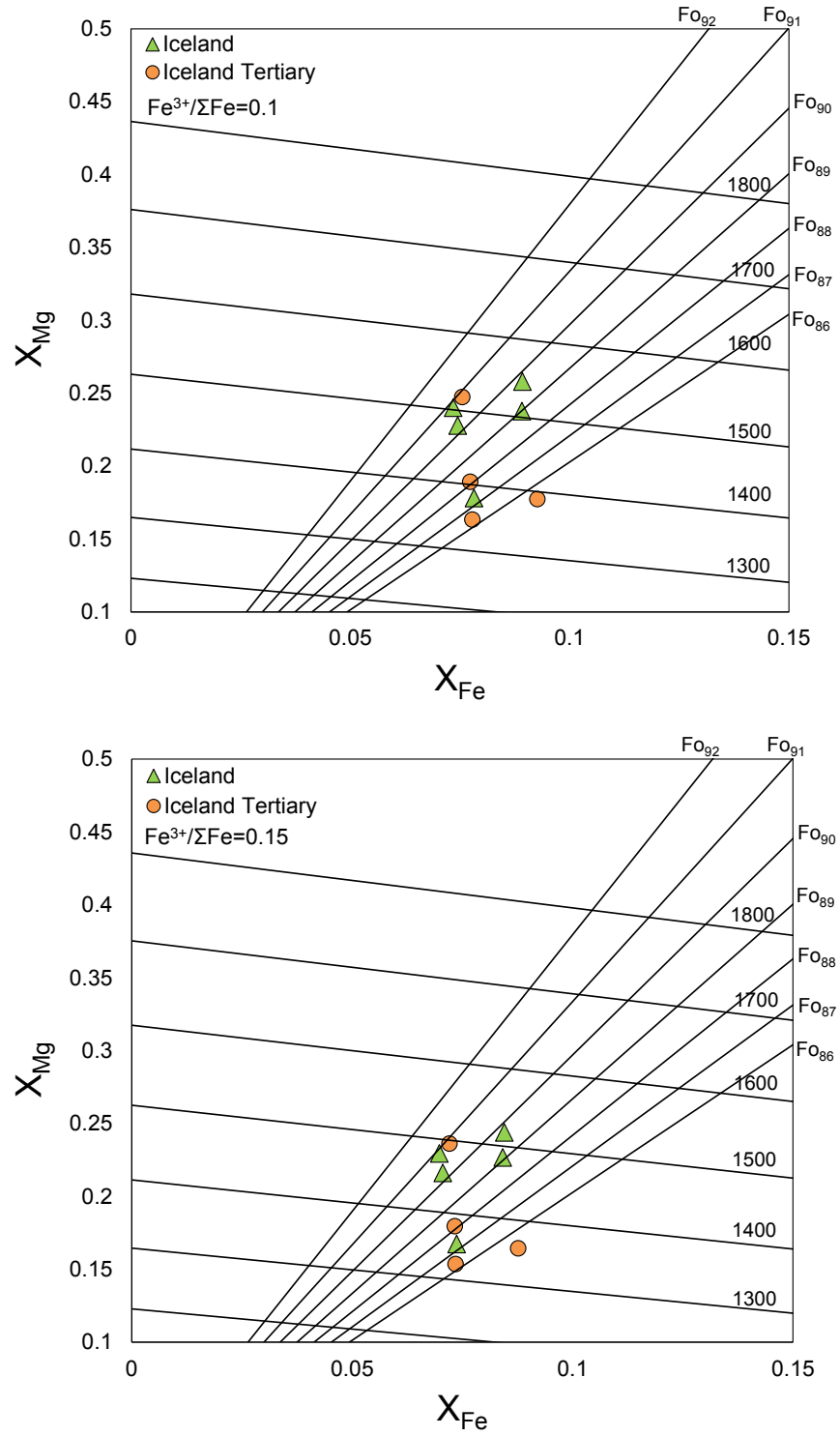


Figure 3.7: Olivine saturation model used to calculate temperatures from the Tertiary and neovolcanic Iceland picrites. Results run at two different oxidation conditions are shown. The data are generated from the most primitive olivine present in each sample as in Table 3.1. Isotherms are in  $^{\circ}\text{C}$ .



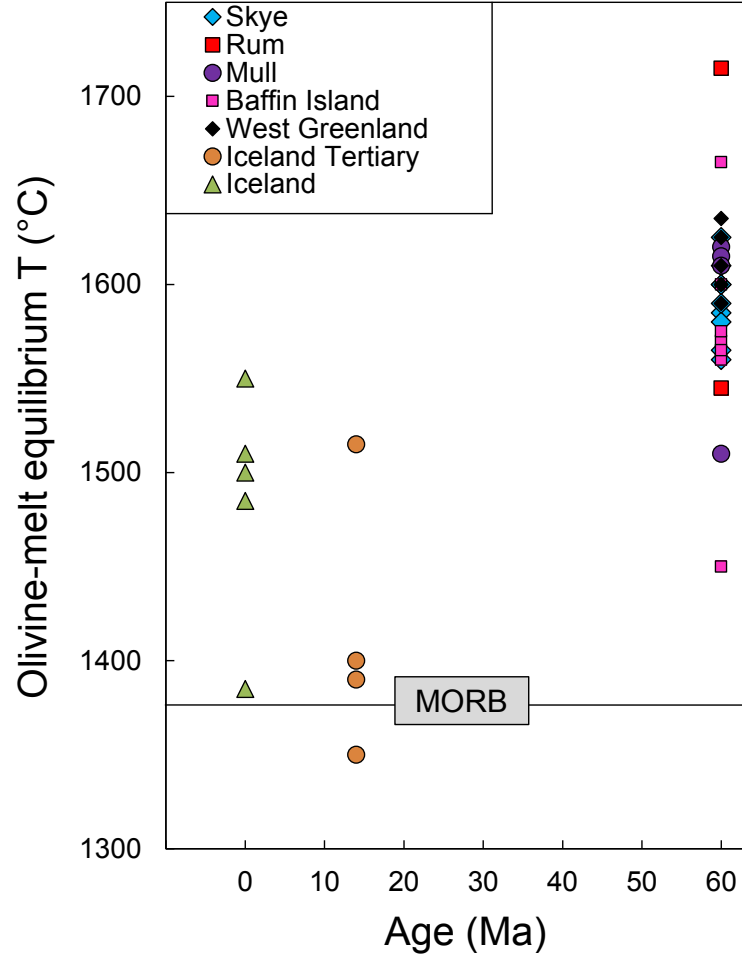


Figure 3.8: Olivine-melt equilibrium temperature in °C calculated for the NAIP samples. The results are for calculations carried out where  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.1$ . The olivine-melt equilibrium temperature estimated for MORB by Putirka et al. (2007) is 1380°C.

### Crystallization temperatures and comparison to MORB

The temperatures presented here represent the temperature at which olivine equilibrated with its primary melt ( $T_{OL}$ ).  $T_{OL}$  is neither the actual temperature that the mantle began to melt at, nor the mantle potential temperature (mantle  $T_p$ ), the temperature that the adiabatically convecting asthenosphere would have if it were able to reach the Earth's surface without melting (McKenzie and Bickle, 1988). It has been noted that both  $T_{OL}$  and  $T_p$  can be used as thermometers of the mantle, and that they are positively correlated (Herzberg, 2011). Olivine forms very early in the crystallization sequence of primitive basalt and it is likely that it appears within a few tens of degrees of the liquidus (Coogan et al., 2014). The most primitive olivine phenocrysts are therefore likely to record a temperature close to that actually experienced in the mantle at the point of melt segregation and may be used as a proxy for mantle temperature.

When comparing temperatures between MOR and LIP/OIB settings, it is most common to use  $T_p$ . There are several different ways of calculating  $T_p$  (Putirka, 2005; Herzberg et al., 2007; Putirka et al., 2007; Herzberg and Gazel, 2009; Herzberg and Asimow, 2015), and some require assumptions of variables that are hard to constrain, such as the degree of partial melting, the pressure of melt formation and the latent heat of fusion. Unfortunately, using different methods and/or assumptions, it is possible to reach different conclusions about the mantle  $T_p$  using similar  $T_{OL}$ . At Hawaii for example, Herzberg and O'Hara (2002) calculate a  $T_{OL}$  of 1651°C at 4 GPa and a  $T_p$  of 1560°C. On the other hand, Putirka et al. (2007) use the same  $T_{OL}$  to calculate a mantle  $T_p$  of 1700°C. The discrepancy seems to arise from the pressure at which the degree of melting is applied. Both assumed a partial melt fraction of 14%, however Putirka et al. (2007) applied this at elevated pressure, while Herzberg and O'Hara (2002) applied it at 1 atm, where  $T_{OL}$  is estimated to be 1467°C. On this basis, it appears that estimates of mantle  $T_p$  can be unreliable, and since there is no robust way of accurately constraining the degree and depth of partial melting, it will not be considered further here.

To calculate the  $T_{OL}$  of MORB, data from the Siqueiros Transform fault along the East Pacific Rise is used because it is the only known MOR location where

whole-rock data can be traced to an olivine control line, allowing estimation of mantle temperatures using the olivine-melt technique. The Siqueiros suite yields picrites with up to 21 wt% MgO and a maximum olivine composition of Fo<sub>91.5</sub>. Using these data, a primary melt with 14 wt% MgO is calculated to have equilibrated with Fo<sub>91.5</sub> at 1380°C and 0.8 GPa (Putirka et al., 2007). To check that the data presented here are reliable,  $T_{OL}$  was calculated for Siqueiros MORB using the same parameters.  $T_{OL}$  was calculated to be 1385°C, in excellent agreement with Putirka et al. (2007). With a  $T_{OL}$  of 1380°C, Putirka et al. (2007) calculated a mantle  $T_p$  of  $1441 \pm 63^\circ\text{C}$ . However, compared to other studies this value is very high, with other  $T_p$  estimates ranging from 1280°C (McKenzie and Bickle, 1988) to 1350°C (Herzberg et al., 2007; Herzberg and Gazel, 2009; Herzberg and Asimow, 2015). The  $T_{OL}$  temperatures reported here for the NAIP are also substantially higher than previous estimates. Kent and Fitton (2000) and Larsen and Pedersen (2000) both estimate liquidus temperatures of around 1550°C for the BTIP and West Greenland respectively, while mantle  $T_p$  at Iceland is estimated to be in the range of 1400-1450°C (Herzberg and Gazel, 2009; Herzberg and Asimow, 2015). Possible reasons for this discrepancy will be discussed at length in Section 3.2.3 after the uncertainties and limitations of the olivine-melt thermometry technique have been laid out in detail.

For now, only the difference in  $T_{OL}$  between the NAIP samples and MORB is important and the absolute temperature values will be discussed later. From the data presented here, it is clear that there was a widespread thermal anomaly across the NAIP during Phase 1 volcanism.  $T_{OL}$  is calculated to be higher than ambient mantle by 245°C at the BTIP (excluding the temperature calculated from M9), 285°C at Baffin Island and 255°C at West Greenland (Table 3.4), indicating that the temperature distribution across the whole NAIP during Phase 1 was uniform, within the error of the thermometer (45°C). The temperature anomaly from West Greenland is in good agreement with that from Herzberg and Gazel (2009), who calculated a thermal anomaly 290°C above that of ambient mantle using forward models of mantle melting. Herzberg and Gazel (2009) calculated a thermal anomaly of 110°C at Iceland, which is lower than the value of 170°C calculated in the present study.

### 3.2.3 Discussion

Olivine-melt thermometry has a variety of uncertainties associated with assumptions made in the calculations, leading to much debate in the literature about whether olivine-melt thermometry can be used to reliably identify mantle thermal anomalies (e.g. Putirka, 2005; Putirka et al., 2007; Falloon et al., 2007a,b). The main sources of uncertainty and their impact on the conclusions that can be drawn about mantle temperature at OIB/LIP vs MORB source regions are discussed in detail below.

#### Choice of $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$

Olivine-melt equilibrium pressure, and hence choice of  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$ , is noted by Falloon et al. (2007a) as being the main cause of disagreements over  $T_{OL}$ . To investigate this,  $T_{OL}$  was calculated for sample S1 assuming an olivine-melt equilibrium pressure of 1 atmosphere to compare the result to the 3 GPa calculation. A pressure of 1 atmosphere corresponds to a  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  of 0.29, and a  $T_{OL}$  of 1460°C is calculated. This is 125°C lower than  $T_{OL}$  at 3 GPa. This result highlights how incorrect assumptions about the pressure of olivine-melt equilibrium can have a dramatic impact on the value of  $T_{OL}$ . Although an attempt was made to choose appropriate values for  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  in the NAIP  $T_{OL}$  calculations, the pressure at which the olivines will have crystallized is poorly constrained, and is therefore a major source of uncertainty in the presented  $T_{OL}$  results. However, it is worth noting that when the calculations are carried out using the same  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  as at MORB (0.31), a maximum temperature difference of 170°C is calculated at the BTIP and West Greenland, 190°C at Baffin Island and 95°C at Iceland. A large thermal anomaly is therefore still required and differences in temperature are significant such that almost any value of  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  can still be used to demonstrate a thermal anomaly in the NAIP.

## Oxygen fugacity

Oxygen fugacity is found to have only a minor effect on the calculated temperatures. An increase in  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}$  from 0.1 to 0.15 resulted in a temperature decrease of around 20-25°C (maximum 40°C) in each sample. A change in oxygen fugacity of four orders of magnitude from QIF (quartz-iron-fayalite) to Ni-NiO, corresponds to a  $T_{OL}$  change of only  $\sim 40^\circ\text{C}$  (Falloon et al., 2007a). Since most of the upper mantle is thought to fall within  $\pm 2$  log units of the fayalite-magnetite-quartz (FMQ) buffer, oxygen fugacity is not considered to be a large source of uncertainty here.

## Sample choice

The choice of sample selected for study will have an extremely important influence on the conclusions drawn about differences in  $T_{OL}$  between MORB and LIP/OIB localities. For example, Green et al. (2001) claim that the mantle temperature beneath Hawaii and MORs is identical, however they include samples from Baffin Island in their MORB data set, making the comparison invalid. Putirka et al. (2007) argue that a temperature anomaly of 268°C is required at Hawaii, however, Falloon et al. (2007b) advocate that the mantle temperatures beneath Hawaii and MORs are virtually identical at  $\sim 1430^\circ\text{C}$ , using a similar technique to Putirka et al. (2007), but instead applying the Ford et al. (1983) thermometer to the primary melt compositions. Again, the choice of data played an important role in the different conclusions drawn. In a letter to the authors published in the discussion section of Falloon et al. (2007b), Keith D. Putirka and J. Michael Rhodes pointed out that Falloon et al. (2007b) used samples from MORB with the highest FeO contents (and will therefore record the highest  $T_{OL}$  for an olivine of a specific composition), but did not use samples with the highest FeO contents from Hawaii. They also noted that Falloon et al. (2007b) overestimated the FeO content of MORB, which would lead to an overestimation in MORB temperature. Both of these inconsistencies may account for the identical  $T_{OL}$  calculated for MORB and Hawaiian basalts by Falloon et al. (2007b), and in the light of the many other studies that suggest large differences in mantle temperature between MORB and Hawaii (e.g. Putirka et al., 2007; Herzberg and

Asimow, 2008; Herzberg and Gazel, 2009), it seems unlikely that the conclusions of Falloon et al. (2007b) are correct.

### **Most primitive olivine composition**

The measurement of the olivine crystal with the highest forsterite content is another major source of uncertainty (Herzberg et al., 2007). It is possible that the most forsteritic olivine was not sampled, because it was either left behind at depth, was not present in the thin section used for analysis or was not chosen for analysis. Additionally, Mg and  $\text{Fe}^{2+}$  diffuse extremely quickly through the olivine lattice (Dohmen and Chakraborty, 2007) and it is possible to rapidly reset the composition of olivine due to evolving melt compositions or mixing with a melt of a different composition. These processes may result in the lowering or raising of apparent olivine-melt equilibrium temperatures if the original olivine composition is completely re-equilibrated.

A very serious problem with olivine-melt thermometry is that highly forsteritic olivines can be crystallized from advanced fractional melt batches and there is no model that takes account of this. For example, ultra-magnesian olivines up to  $\text{Fo}_{93.3}$  are found in olivine-rich dolerites in the southern Etendeka Province of Namibia (Thompson and Gibson, 2000). Applying olivine-melt thermometry, a primary magma composition of 24 wt% MgO is calculated, implying an extraordinarily high mantle  $T_p$  of 1680°C (Thompson and Gibson, 2000). However, a more recent study on the melt inclusions in these olivines by Keiding et al. (2011) provides an alternative explanation for their origin. The melt inclusions trapped in the ultra-magnesian olivines were found to contain up to 17.5 wt% MgO at low FeO contents ( $\sim 7$  wt%), as opposed to the 11 wt% FeO calculated by Thompson and Gibson (2000) for the 24 wt% MgO melts. The crucial point is that both of these melts can crystallize a  $\text{Fo}_{93}$  olivine because they have the same Mg#. Mantle melts can achieve a high Mg# through advanced fractional melting lowering the FeO content of the melt (Herzberg and O'Hara, 2002; Herzberg et al., 2007; Herzberg, 2011). Small melt droplets formed from partial melting can be efficiently removed by buoyancy-driven draining (Ahern and Turcotte, 1979; McKenzie, 1984). As decompression continues, the residue is continuously melted, and the melt increments can have very low FeO contents with an MgO

that remains unchanged (Herzberg, 2011). Usually it is assumed that these melt droplets will mix to form a primary magma that is the average composition of all the melt increments (Herzberg and Asimow, 2008), a process known as accumulated fractional melting. However, if an advanced fractional melt can remain isolated from the system, it will crystallize olivines with  $\sim\text{Fo}_{93}$ , implying a mantle  $T_p$  of 1520°C when the melt MgO content is 17.5 wt% (Keiding et al., 2011). In this scenario, the Namibia picrites still require a thermal anomaly, but it is much reduced compared to the original estimate of 1680°C (Thompson and Gibson, 2000).

Olivines with  $\geq\text{Fo}_{93}$  are also found in the Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites (e.g. Francis, 1985; Larsen and Pedersen, 2000). Herzberg and O'Hara (2002) showed that  $>\text{Fo}_{93.0}$  olivines would have crystallized from a primary magma with 24-25 wt% MgO, however this composition cannot be produced by equilibrium or fractional partial melting of any peridotite composition. It is therefore highly likely that such olivines from Baffin Island and West Greenland were crystallized from advanced fractional melts that had exited the melting regime, however without direct samples of these fractional melts, the MgO content cannot be constrained. While no olivine of  $\geq\text{Fo}_{93.0}$  was used in the NAIP olivine-melt thermometry calculations presented here, many had compositions ranging from  $\text{Fo}_{92.0}$  to  $\text{Fo}_{92.9}$ , and it is very possible that these olivines did not crystallize from true primary magmas. Unfortunately, it is hard to tell where to draw the distinction between a true primary melt and an advanced fractional melt, so if a conclusion is drawn about the mantle temperature of a rock based only on olivine-melt thermometry, the choice of the most forsteritic olivine should be considered a major source of uncertainty in the temperature calculation, and results from samples containing highly forsteritic olivines should be treated with caution.

### Clinopyroxene fractionation

Clinopyroxene does not usually begin to fractionate at low pressure until the MgO content of a magma has evolved to 7-10 wt% (Herzberg et al., 2007). However, clinopyroxene can also fractionate in high-MgO liquids in the mantle. It is most likely to occur in the lithosphere during melt transit rather than in the mantle source region (Albarède et al., 1997) and the clinopyroxene will have high CaO

contents (Herzberg and Asimow, 2008). Olivine-melt thermometry requires that a lava sample has only fractionated olivine since melting, and so if clinopyroxene fractionation has played a role, the composition of the primary magma (and hence the final temperature calculation) will be affected. Clinopyroxene fractionation yields magmas that are deficient in CaO but have increased FeO. Modelling by Herzberg et al. (2007) showed that any method that reconstructs primary magma composition by addition/subtraction of olivine to lavas produces primary melts with MgO contents that are too high if the lava has lost clinopyroxene. Herzberg and Asimow (2008) found that clinopyroxene loss can result in the overestimation of the MgO content of the primary magma by up to 4 wt%, which results in temperatures that are up to 100°C above their actual values. Many Hawaiian primary magmas appear to have been affected by clinopyroxene fractionation (Herzberg and Asimow, 2008), and this could explain why the mantle  $T_p$  of 1720°C calculated by Putirka et al. (2007) is much higher than other estimates: for example, Herzberg and Gazel (2009) calculate  $T_p$  at Hawaii to be around 1600°C.

### PRIMELT3

It was highlighted in Section 3.2.2 that the absolute  $T_{OL}$  values calculated for the NAIP samples in the present study using the Putirka et al. (2007) olivine-melt thermometer are substantially higher than previous estimates. Excluding M9, the maximum  $T_{OL}$  calculated here for Phase 1 picrites range from 1620 to 1665°C, around 100°C higher than previous estimates of 1550°C (Kent and Fitton, 2000; Larsen and Pedersen, 2000).  $T_{OL}$  in present-day Iceland is calculated here to be 1550°C, however other studies calculate the mantle  $T_p$  to be 100-150°C lower than this (Herzberg and Gazel, 2009; Herzberg and Asimow, 2015). To investigate the cause of this discrepancy, the software model PRIMELT3 devised by Herzberg and Asimow (2015) was applied to the NAIP samples. PRIMELT3 is a model used to calculate the primary magma composition,  $T_{OL}$  and  $T_p$  of primitive basalt. Unlike olivine-melt thermometry, only the bulk-rock composition of the lava must be known, and it does not require knowledge of olivine phenocryst compositions. Instead, it compares modelled primary melt compositions formed by partial melting of fertile mantle peridotite to a suite of primary melt compo-



sitions calculated by incrementally adding or subtracting equilibrium olivine to the sample lava composition and calculates the olivine composition that would have been in equilibrium with the primary melt.

PRIMELT3 also provides several filters for complexities that can lead to overestimations in mantle temperature. These are: (i) a pyroxenite source. Partial melting of a pyroxenite source will generate primary magmas that have low CaO, resulting in calculated primary magmas with MgO contents that are too high by 2-3%; (ii) source volatile content. Melting in the presence of CO<sub>2</sub> can generate low-temperature carbonate-rich melts with very high MgO and FeO contents; (iii) clinopyroxene fractionation. As discussed previously, high pressure clinopyroxene fractionation can result in low CaO, high MgO, FeO primary melts if the clinopyroxene is lost. (iv) advanced fractional melting. Advanced fractional melts that have remained isolated can have high MgO and unusually low FeO contents.

Of the 36 samples used in the olivine-melt thermometry calculations, only 6 were free of all of the complexities that are filtered for in PRIMELT3. These were S1, S3 and S10 from Skye, MU1.1 from Mull and 138345 and 362077 from West Greenland. Most samples were filtered for clinopyroxene fractionation or advanced fractional melting. One sample (R10) was filtered due to a volatile source. All of these processes can result in elevated MgO/FeO, which will result in the crystallization of high Mg# olivines, making the primary magma appear more primitive, and hence have a higher  $T_{OL}$  than in reality. Since M9 failed to pass the filters, the extraordinarily high MgO content and calculated  $T_{OL}$  of ~26 wt% and 1715°C from the olivine-melt thermometry calculation are highly unlikely to be correct. The number of samples that failed to pass the filters demonstrates the limitations of the olivine-melt thermometry technique and suggests that such processes that modify the MgO and FeO content of primary melts are widespread and commonplace during mantle melting.

The MgO content of the calculated primary magma,  $T_{OL}$  and equilibrium olivine for each sample that passed the filters is presented in Table 3.5 below. For comparison, the composition of the most primitive olivine in the sample and the resultant ‘target MgO’ of the primary magma calculated using olivine-melt thermometry is also provided. PRIMELT3 calculates  $T_{OL}$  at 1 atm, however this can be calculated at pressure using the following expression (Herzberg and

Asimow, 2015):

$$T = T_{1atm} + 54P - 2P^2 \quad (3.8)$$

where  $P$  is the pressure in GPa. To be consistent, the same pressures from the olivine-melt thermometry calculation were used in the PRIMELT3 calculation and  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}$  was fixed at 0.1. The presented primary magma compositions were modelled by accumulated fractional melting. The Skye, Mull, and West Greenland primary magma contents were all calculated to have much lower MgO contents than those from olivine-melt thermometry. The maximum MgO content calculated using PRIMELT3 from these samples is 18.9 wt%, compared to 23.8 wt% from olivine-melt thermometry. Subsequently, the composition of olivine calculated to be in equilibrium with the primary melts are also much lower. This indicates that all of these samples contained olivines that were crystallized by advanced fractional melts with lowered FeO, resulting in high Mg#. This scenario is demonstrated in Figure 3.9 for sample S10 from Skye. However, the samples were not filtered out by PRIMELT3, so it is possible that they were better mixed with the accumulated fractional melt than the samples that were filtered. Alternatively, the samples could have experienced augite fractionation to a small enough degree that they were not filtered.

Table 3.5: Comparison of the PRIMELT3 and olivine-melt thermometry results. Olivine Mg# (Fo) in the PRIMELT3 calculation is the olivine composition calculated to be in equilibrium with the primary melt computed by the model. Fo in olivine-melt thermometry is the most primitive olivine composition present in the sample, and was used to calculate the primary magma composition.  $\Delta T = T_{OL}$  calculated from olivine-melt thermometry -  $T_{OL}$  calculated from PRIMELT3. The error in  $T_{OL}$  in PRIMELT3 is estimated to be  $\pm 46^\circ\text{C}$  (Herzberg and Asimow, 2015).

	PRIMELT3			Olivine-melt thermometry			
	MgO (wt%)	Fo	T( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	MgO (wt%)	Fo	T( $^\circ\text{C}$ )	$\Delta T$ ( $^\circ\text{C}$ )
<b>S1</b>	18.7	91.7	1563	20.9	91.7	1585	22
<b>S3</b>	17.2	91.2	1540	20.9	91.7	1580	40
<b>S10</b>	18.5	91.8	1554	23.2	92.6	1625	71
<b>MU1.1</b>	18.9	91.8	1566	23.0	92.4	1620	54
<b>138345</b>	18.4	91.7	1557	23.8	92.8	1635	78
<b>362077</b>	18.4	91.3	1560	22.8	92.3	1610	50

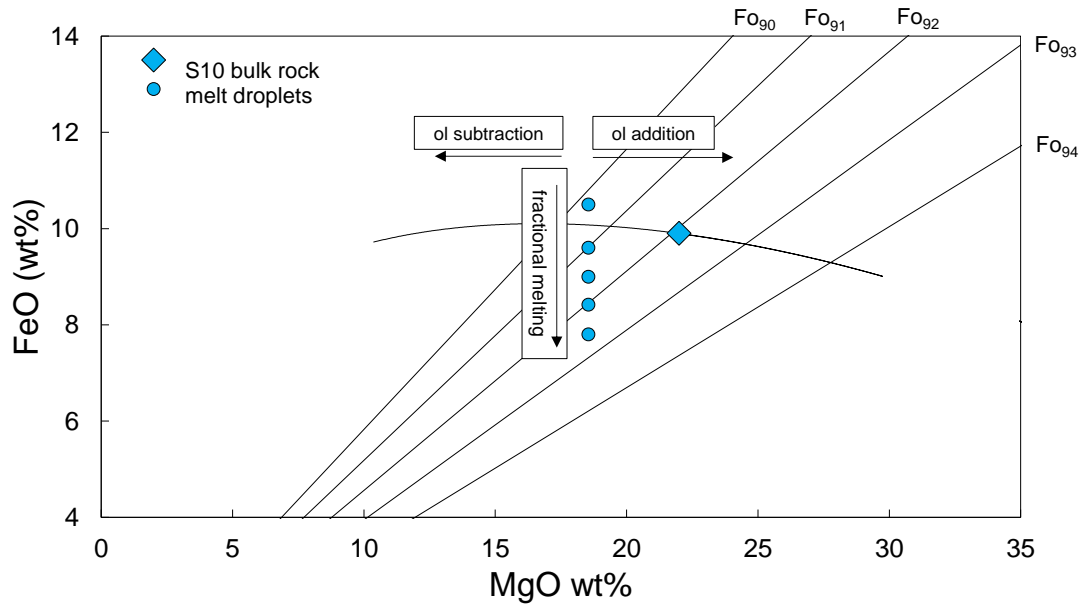


Figure 3.9: Melting model of S10 from Skye showing the effects of fractional melting. The diamond represents the bulk-rock composition of S10, which was used to generate an olivine control line. The small circles represent melt droplets formed during fractional melting. As melting continues, the FeO of the residue decreases at constant MgO. This results in the crystallization of higher Mg# olivine as the process goes on. The range of the melt droplet FeO contents that would be in equilibrium with the range of olivine compositions measured in S10 by EPMA are shown ( $Fo_{90.2}$ - $Fo_{92.6}$ ). The most Mg# olivine was likely the last to crystallize from the most Fe-depleted melt droplet. The bulk-rock composition of S10 plots to the right of the mixed primary magma, indicating that it has been affected by addition (accumulation) of olivine.

In all of the Phase 1 samples,  $T_{OL}$  calculated by PRIMELT3 is lower than that calculated from olivine-melt thermometry. The maximum decrease is 71°C, 54°C and 78°C at Skye, Mull and West Greenland, respectively. The maximum  $T_{OL}$  at each location calculated by PRIMELT3 is  $\sim 1560^\circ\text{C}$ , more in line with previous estimates of around  $1550^\circ\text{C}$  (Kent and Fitton, 2000; Larsen and Pedersen, 2000). Using the newly calculated olivine compositions from PRIMELT3,  $T_{OL}$  was re-calculated using olivine melt thermometry. The new olivine-melt thermometry  $T_{OL}$  is compared to the previous  $T_{OL}$  in Table 3.6. Running the calculations with the new olivine compositions resulted in a decrease in  $T_{OL}$  of 30-65°C (except in S1, which remained unchanged as the PRIMELT3 calculated olivine composition was the same as the most primitive olivine measured in the sample). The new maximum  $T_{OL}$  in the early NAIP samples from olivine-melt thermometry ranges from 1545 to  $1585^\circ\text{C}$  and, within the error of the thermometer ( $\pm 45^\circ\text{C}$ ), is now comparable with previous estimates and the temperatures calculated from

PRIMELT3.

Table 3.6:  $T_{OL}$  calculated using olivine melt thermometry using the most forsteritic olivine present in each sample (Old  $T_{OL}$ ) compared to  $T_{OL}$  calculated using the equilibrium olivine composition calculated by PRIMELT3 (New  $T_{OL}$ ). All temperatures are in °C.

Sample	Old $T_{OL}$	New $T_{OL}$	$\Delta T$
<b>S1</b>	1585	1585	0
<b>S3</b>	1580	1550	30
<b>S10</b>	1625	1585	40
<b>MU1.1</b>	1620	1585	35
<b>138345</b>	1635	1575	60
<b>362077</b>	1610	1545	65

Perhaps the most useful estimation of the magnitude of the thermal anomaly is to compare  $T_{OL}$  calculated by PRIMELT3 for the NAIP samples and Siqueiros MORB at 1 atm, as it allows comparison without the added complication of different crystallization depths. This yields temperature anomalies up to 148°C, 151°C and 151°C at Skye, Mull and West Greenland, respectively (with an error of  $\pm 46^\circ\text{C}$ ). The maximum temperature and magnitude of the thermal anomaly is remarkably uniform across the spatial extent of Phase 1 NAIP volcanism.

As was previously noted, the value of  $T_{OL}$  calculated using olivine-melt thermometry for Siqueiros MORB is 1380°C. This is much higher than many estimates of mantle potential temperature, which range from 1280-1350°C (McKenzie and Bickle, 1988; Herzberg and Gazel, 2009).  $T_{OL}$  and  $T_p$  calculated by Putirka et al. (2007) for Hawaiian basalts are also extraordinarily high (1620°C and 1722°C, respectively). Using PRIMELT3, Herzberg and Asimow (2015) calculated a primary melt MgO content of 11.6 wt% and an equilibrium olivine composition of Fo<sub>90.4</sub> for Siqueiros MORB. As with the NAIP samples, this olivine composition is less Mg-rich than the most primitive olivine present in the sample, which has an Mg# of 91.5. It is likely that the Siqueiros MORB olivines have also been affected by advanced fractional melting, raising the Mg# of the crystallizing olivines. Using the PRIMELT3 olivine composition of Fo<sub>90.4</sub>,  $T_{OL}$  calculated using olivine-melt thermometry is 1340°C. This is lower than the previous estimate of 1380°C by Putirka et al. (2007), and much closer to the PRIMELT3 estimate of  $T_{OL}$  at 0.8 GPa of 1313°C. Using data from Putirka et al. (2007), the

samples from Hawaii of Norman and Garcia (1999) were applied to PRIMELT3. Every one of the Hawaii samples were filtered for augite fractionation and this is reflected in the very low CaO contents of the bulk rocks, a characteristic that was also noted by Herzberg and Asimow (2008). It seems clear that for the Hawaii basalts, olivine-melt thermometry is not an appropriate technique to use to measure either  $T_{OL}$  or  $T_p$ , as high pressure augite fractionation will result in elevated melt MgO/FeO. It is likely that the estimates of temperature at Hawaii by Putirka et al. (2007) are far too high, and it is clear that neither olivine-melt thermometry nor PRIMELT3 are an appropriate technique for measuring temperature here.

### 3.3 Al-in-olivine thermometry

#### 3.3.1 Introduction

The previous section discussed at length the problems associated with traditional olivine-melt Fe-Mg thermometry such as  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  and the choice of the most primitive olivine. In addition, processes that modify the MgO/FeO content of a primary magma seem to be commonplace during mantle melting, and so the PRIMELT3 software developed by Herzberg and Asimow (2015) cannot be applied universally to primitive volcanic rocks, although it does seem to produce more reliable temperature and primary magma compositions than with olivine-melt thermometry. In light of these issues, the purpose of this section is to take a different approach to determining magmatic temperatures using the newly developed Al-in-olivine thermometer. The premise of the technique is described in detail below, and is then applied to the NAIP picrites.

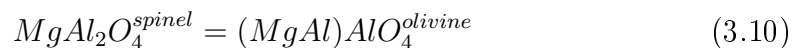
The Al-in-olivine thermometer was first calibrated by Wan et al. (2008) who carried out a series of melting experiments at atmospheric pressure to calibrate the temperature dependence of aluminium partitioning between olivine and spinel between 1250 and 1450°C, under reducing conditions ( $\sim 1.5$  log units below the quartz-magnetite-fayalite redox buffer). The partition coefficient for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  between olivine and spinel is a strong function of both temperature and Cr-content

of the spinel (Wan et al., 2008) and a strong positive correlation between  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content in olivine and temperature is observed. The Al-in-olivine thermometer calculates the temperature of co-saturation of olivine and spinel ( $T_{Al}$ ), and requires only knowledge of the olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content, and the composition of co-existing Cr-spinel. As in olivine-melt thermometry, this is neither the temperature at which the mantle melted nor  $T_p$ , however both phases crystallize early in primitive basalts, likely within a few tens of degrees of the liquidus temperature (Coogan et al., 2014), and so the maximum calculated  $T_{Al}$  may be used as a proxy for mantle temperature at the point of melt segregation. The geothermometer calculated by Wan et al. (2008) is expressed as:

$$T_{Al}(\text{°C}) = \frac{10000}{0.512 + 0.873 \cdot Cr\# - 0.91 \cdot \ln(K_D(Al)^{ol-sp})} - 273 \quad (3.9)$$

where  $Cr\# = Cr/(Cr + Al)$  of spinel in atomic proportions and  $K_D(Al)^{ol-sp} = \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3^{ol}/\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3^{sp}$ . The thermometer is estimated to have an uncertainty of  $\pm 22^\circ\text{C}$  (Wan et al., 2008). The olivines crystallized by Wan et al. (2008) in the melting experiments ranged in composition from  $\text{Fo}_{87}$  to  $\text{Fo}_{93}$ , with  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  contents varying from 0.045 to 0.15 wt%, very similar to the olivines found in the rocks in the present study, and so the Al-in-olivine thermometer is directly applicable to the NAIP rocks. The Al-in-olivine thermometer has also been applied to peridotites by De Hoog et al. (2010), to calculate the equilibrium temperature of mantle rocks.

The mechanism by which Al substitutes into the olivine lattice was unclear from the Wan et al. (2008) study, and so a set of experiments was devised by Coogan et al. (2014) to investigate the role of  $\text{SiO}_2$  activity ( $\alpha\text{SiO}_2$ ) in the incorporation of Al into olivine. The variation in calculated temperature with  $\alpha\text{SiO}_2$  was found to be less than  $\pm 20^\circ\text{C}$ , similar to the uncertainty in the thermometer, and suggests that  $\alpha\text{SiO}_2$  is not important in Al substitution into olivine. On this basis, Coogan et al. (2014) suggested that most Al is incorporated into the olivine structure via the reaction:



where Al in olivine is equally split between the M and tetrahedral sites, as this is not dependent on  $\alpha\text{SiO}_2$ . This finding is consistent with the interpretation of

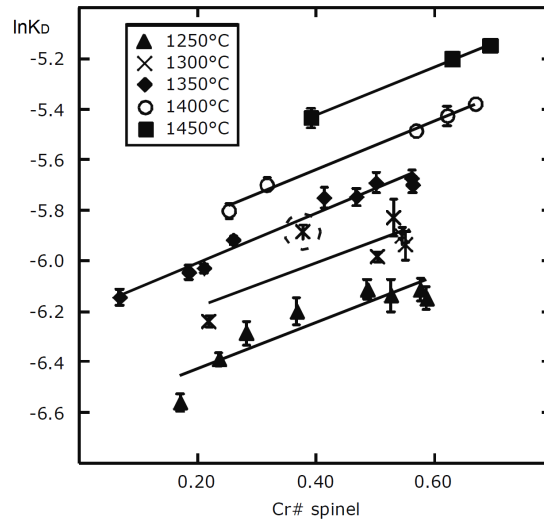


Figure 3.10: The partition coefficient for  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  between olivine and Cr-spinel plotted as a function of spinel Cr# for experiments run at 1250 to 1450°C. The partition coefficient increases with increasing temperature at constant spinel Cr#, and with increasing spinel Cr# at fixed temperature. From Wan et al. (2008).

De Hoog et al. (2010), based on mantle olivine compositions.

Coogan et al. (2014) carried out experiments to extend the thermometer to address the role of  $f\text{O}_2$ , as some primitive basalts contain spinel with greater  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$  contents than in the calibrations of Wan et al. (2008). However, the effect of  $f\text{O}_2$  was found to be insignificant, even when up to 35% of total Fe is present in the melt as  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ . By incorporating the experimental data from Coogan et al. (2014), the thermometer can be expanded to include a wider range of  $\alpha\text{SiO}_2$ , spinel Cr# and spinel  $\text{Fe}^{3+}$ , and can now be expressed as:

$$T_{\text{Al}}(^{\circ}\text{C}) = \frac{10000}{0.575 + 0.884 \cdot \text{Cr\#} - 0.897 \cdot \ln(K_D(\text{Al})^{\text{ol-sp}})} - 273 \quad (3.11)$$

The updated thermometer was applied by Coogan et al. (2014) to a range of samples from LIPs and Siqueiros MORB including  $\sim 60$  Ma picrites from Baffin Island and East Greenland. The Baffin Island and East Greenland samples recorded a maximum  $T_{\text{Al}}$  temperature of 1408°C and 1354°C, respectively. The maximum co-saturation temperature of olivine and Cr-spinel at LIPs and MORs was calculated to be 1486°C and 1270°C, respectively, and the average  $T_{\text{Al}}$  calculated from MORB is 1193°C. The Al-in-olivine thermometer therefore provides

strong evidence, independent of olivine-melt thermometry, for the involvement of substantial mantle thermal anomalies in LIP volcanism. The  $T_{Al}$  for Siqueiros MORB is much lower than the  $T_{OL}$  value of 1380°C calculated using olivine-melt thermometry and is more in line with other estimates. For example, PRIMELT3 calculates a 1 atm  $T_{OL}$  of 1271°C for Siqueiros MORB (Herzberg and Asimow, 2015) and McKenzie and Bickle (1988) calculate a mantle  $T_P$  of 1280°C from the thickness of normal oceanic crust.

A significant problem with olivine-melt thermometry is that  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  is very pressure sensitive, and so requires an estimate of the depth at which olivine crystallized. This is a parameter that is often poorly constrained, and as was discussed in Section 3.2.3, can introduce a significant uncertainty into the  $T_{OL}$  calculation. Fortunately, empirical evidence suggests that the Al-in-olivine thermometer is insensitive to the range of pressures that melts are likely to experience in the upper mantle. For example, there is no systematic offset in the partitioning of Al between olivine and Cr-spinel in the 1 atmosphere experiments performed by Wan et al. (2008), and a series of melting experiments carried out by Pickering-Witter and Johnston (2000) at 1 GPa. In addition, Wan et al. (2008) applied the thermometer to a series of mantle xenoliths and found no systematic offset in  $T_{Al}$  calculated from spinel lherzolites when compared to garnet lherzolites. The apparent lack of pressure dependency is a major advantage of the Al-in-olivine thermometer over olivine-melt thermometry, as it removes uncertainties associated with poorly constrained depths of melting that have plagued the more traditional methods.

### 3.3.2 Results

#### **Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content of olivine**

The aluminium content of olivine and composition of Cr-spinel in the NAIP samples was determined using EPMA (full results can be found in Appendices E and F). The maximum detection limit for Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> in olivine was 75 ppm during the first set of analyses on olivines from Skye. During subsequent analyses, the detection limit was lowered to a minimum of 28 ppm by increasing the count



time. The maximum detection limit for each sample suite is as follows: 75 ppm for Skye, 58 ppm for Rum and neovolcanic Iceland, 39 ppm for Iceland Tertiary and Mull and 30 ppm for Baffin Island and West Greenland. The  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  detection limits reported here are much lower than in conventional analyses, and as such represent a significant technological advancement. To achieve this, the EPMA analytical conditions were modified to ensure maximum precision of the olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  measurement. These conditions are discussed in more detail in Appendix B.2.

The  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content of olivine is plotted against olivine Mg# in Figure 3.11. In general, higher olivine Al contents are associated with more Mg-rich olivines. However, each sample suite forms a parallel horizontal array at different  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ . Olivines from the early BTIP rocks and Baffin Island and West Greenland are very Mg-rich (commonly  $>\text{Fo}_{91.5}$ ) and have high Al contents, often above 0.1 wt%. The typical Tertiary Iceland  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  range is 0.03-0.06 wt% at systematically lower olivine Fo than in the early BTIP rocks, with most  $<\text{Fo}_{88}$ . Neovolcanic Iceland olivines generally contain 0.06-0.08 wt%  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  with Fo contents intermediate between the Iceland Tertiary and early NAIP arrays.

In individual olivine crystals, the Al-content exhibits a variety of different zoning patterns between the crystal core and rim. Most commonly, the cores of the olivine crystals are nearly homogeneous in Al content (Figure 3.12a, b, c). Occasionally there was a little more scatter in the Al content than would be expected based on the detection limits (Figure 3.12d). This was also found to be the case by Coogan et al. (2014), who attributed the scatter to small-scale oscillatory zoning not resolvable by the analyses. A few olivine crystals had a highly heterogeneous distribution of  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (Figure 3.12e), suggesting disequilibrium, and these were therefore not included in the temperature calculations.

On the rim of the crystal, the Al content may be higher, lower or the same as that of the core. In general, the Mull, Baffin Island and Iceland neovolcanic picrites contain olivines with normally zoned cores with higher Al contents compared to that at the rim (Figure 3.13), as would be expected if the high-Mg olivines came into contact with more evolved and lower temperature melts (either by magma mixing or fractional crystallization), leading to the growth of the less forsteritic rim. However, this is not always the case and there are multiple examples from

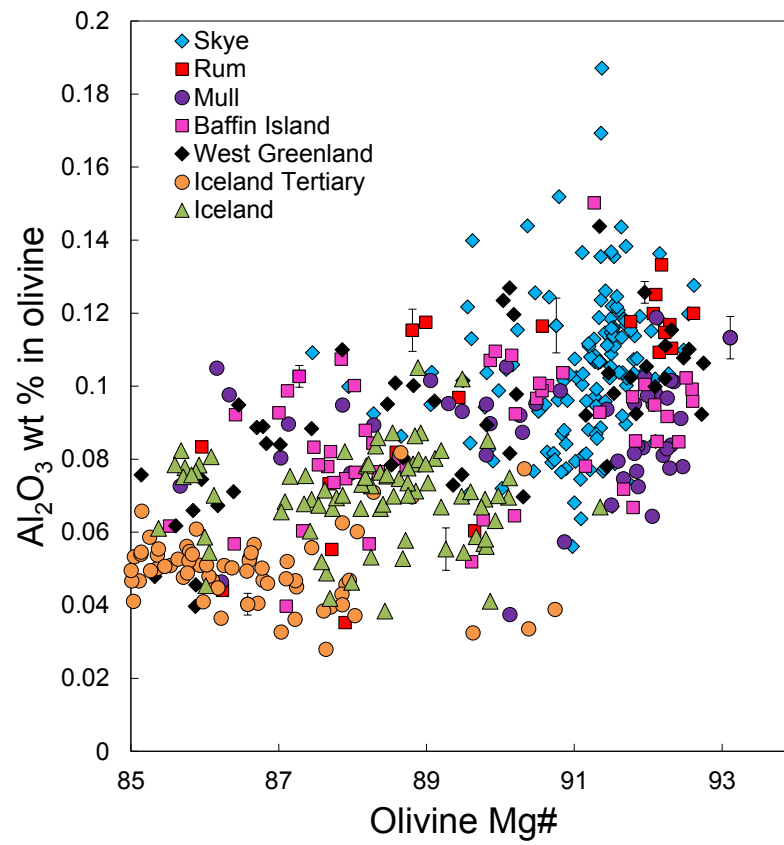


Figure 3.11: Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content vs Mg# of primitive olivines (>Fo<sub>85</sub>) from the NAIP. Error bars indicate the maximum error in Al<sub>2</sub>O<sub>3</sub> content due to the precision of the electron microprobe analyses for representative samples from each suite.

each location where the Al content of the olivine rim is higher, despite exhibiting normal Fe-Mg zoning. In the Skye samples, the general association of more Al-rich cores and less Al-rich rims is not apparent (as might be expected due to their lack of well-developed Fe-Mg zoning) and the Al content tends to be higher on the rim (Figure 3.13). The matrix olivines from Skye however, display systematically lower Al contents, indicating their derivation from lower temperature, more evolved melts. The Al contents of the skeletal matrix olivines from Mull exhibit substantial overlap with the Al-content of the olivine rims, suggesting that the rims grew from the same magma at the same temperature that formed the matrix. The Iceland Tertiary olivines are often associated with very little change in Al content between the crystal core and rim, however small increases and decreases are also observed. This variation in core and rim Al contents is similar to that reported by Coogan et al. (2014). Since the Al content of olivine is dependent both on temperature and the composition of the spinel, changes in the equilibrium Cr-spinel composition due to the evolving magma may result in higher olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , even if the temperature has decreased. However, this will not affect the temperature calculation, as both the olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content and Cr-spinel composition are both input parameters in the thermometer.

It is clear that the choice of the analysis point will be very important in the calculation. Since the aim of this study was to determine the maximum temperature recorded by each suite, calculations were based only on the Al content of olivine cores and Cr-spinel inclusions hosted in the respective olivine core. The core will crystallize first and so is most likely to record the maximum magmatic temperature experienced. Since most olivine cores have almost homogeneous Al contents, they are considered to be in equilibrium with their spinel inclusions.

## Temperatures

Following Coogan et al. (2014),  $T_{Al}$  was calculated using:

$$T(^{\circ}\text{C}) = \frac{10000}{0.575 + 0.884 \cdot Cr\# - 0.897 \cdot \ln K_D} - 273 \quad (3.12)$$

The error in the thermometer is estimated to be  $\pm 22^{\circ}\text{C}$  (Wan et al., 2008) and includes the error arising from the precision of the olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  measurement (30-

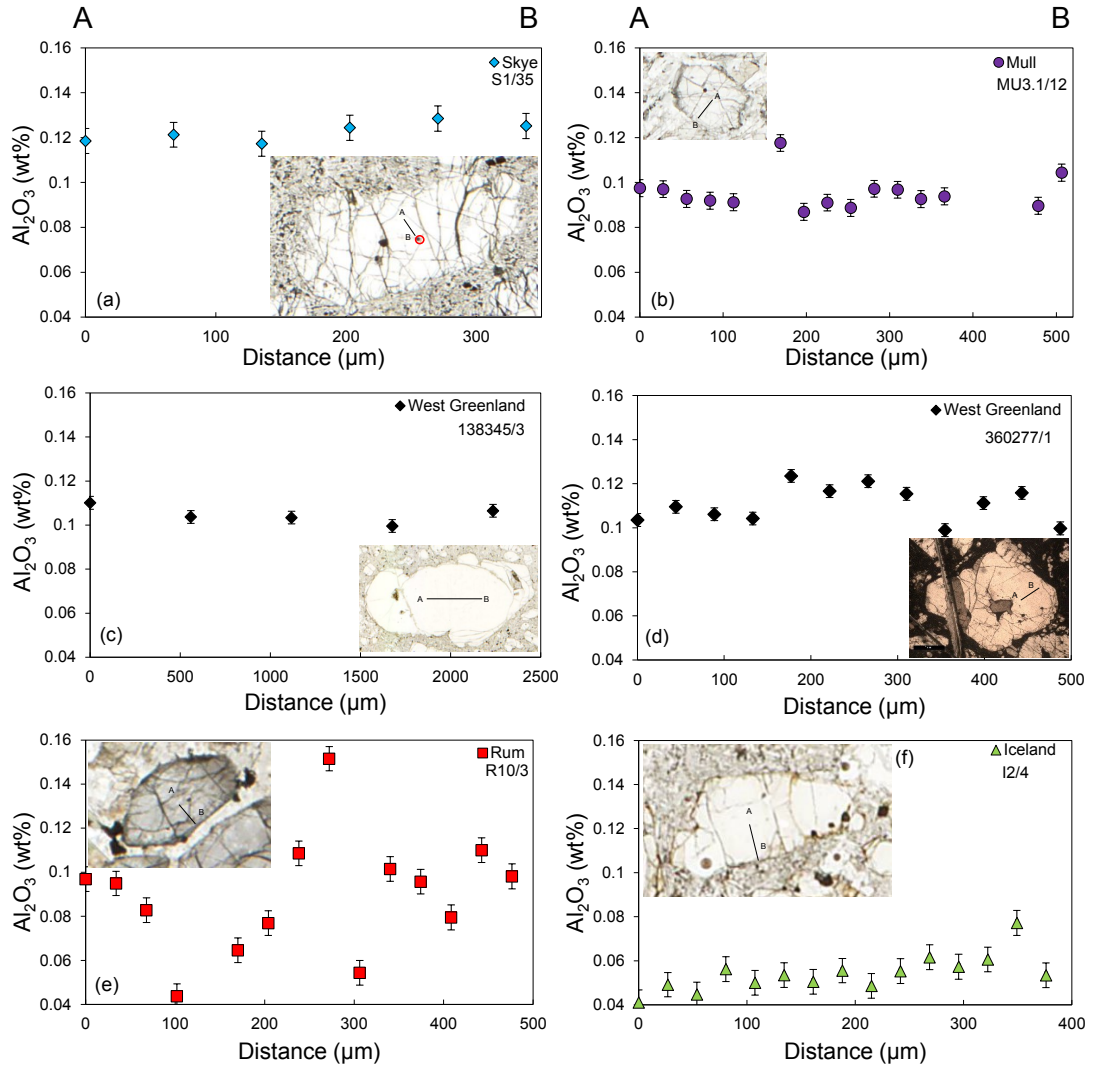


Figure 3.12: Examples of the variation in zoning patterns of Al observed in olivine. Each transect was taken from A to B. (a) A homogeneous olivine from Skye. The proximity of the spinel inclusion at B (red circle) has no effect on the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content of the olivine. (b) A homogeneous olivine from Mull with one point much higher than the rest. It is possible that this point has caught the edge of an inclusion. (c) A homogeneous olivine from West Greenland. (d) An olivine from West Greenland with more internal variation in  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content than the previous sample. This is likely to be the result of small-scale oscillatory zoning that is not resolvable within the limits of this study. (e) An olivine from Rum (R10) with a highly heterogeneous  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  distribution indicating disequilibrium. (f) An olivine from Iceland that shows a slight increase in Al towards the rim of the crystal, however the last point is lower. Note the much lower Al contents compared to the samples from Skye, Mull and West Greenland.

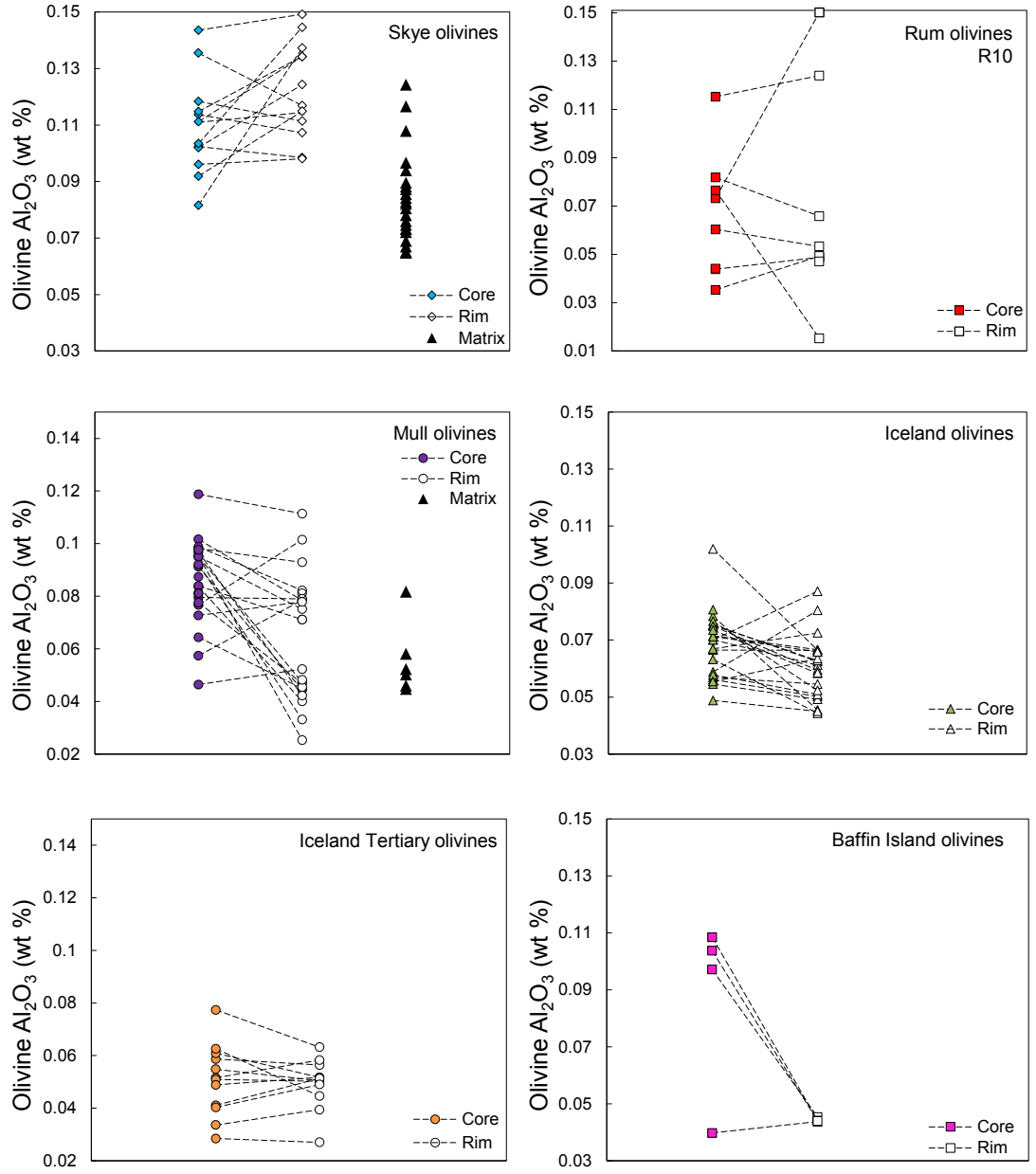


Figure 3.13: Core and rim  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  (wt%) contents for olivines from Skye, Rum (R10 only), Mull, Iceland and Baffin Island. Matrix olivine compositions are also plotted for Skye and Mull.

75 ppm). The full results for each olivine-Cr-spinel pair are presented in Appendix H. The maximum, minimum and average  $T_{Al}$  for each suite are presented in Table 3.7. The maximum temperatures calculated for Skye, Rum, Baffin Island and West Greenland are 1474°C, 1498°C, 1461°C and 1484°C respectively, and are as high (within the error of the thermometer) as the highest temperatures yet measured using this technique (Coogan et al., 2014). As with the results from olivine-melt thermometry, the maximum temperatures recorded by the Phase 1 picrites from across the spatial extent of the NAIP are remarkably uniform. The highest temperature recorded from Mull is 1434°C, slightly lower than that from Skye and Rum. The maximum temperatures from the early NAIP rocks are much higher than those previously reported by Coogan et al. (2014), who calculated temperatures of up to 1408°C and 1354°C respectively in 60 Ma Baffin Island and East Greenland rocks. However, the samples used in the present study contain olivines that are more primitive and have higher  $Al_2O_3$  contents than those from Coogan et al. (2014), so it is unsurprising that the maximum recorded temperatures in the present study are higher. Average temperatures at Skye, Baffin Island and West Greenland are all very similar, 1410°C, 1400°C and 1406°C respectively. Sample M9 from Rum consistently recorded very high  $T_{Al}$ , with none below 1440°C, and so the average  $T_{Al}$  for Rum (including the one data point from R10) is 1452°C. A maximum temperature of 1368°C was measured in the neovolcanic Iceland samples, and a maximum temperature of 1315°C is calculated from the Iceland Tertiary samples. Average temperatures are 1381°C, 1237°C and 1315°C from the Mull, Iceland Tertiary and neovolcanic Iceland samples, respectively.

There is a large range in calculated  $T_{Al}$  within a sample suite, and often within a single sample (Table 3.8). The difference in maximum and minimum  $T_{Al}$  ranges from 26-194°C. Since Al is far more resistant to re-equilibration in olivine than Fe and Mg (Spandler and O'Neill, 2010), the temperature range within a single sample potentially tracks the rise of the magma through the conduit system, with the ‘hottest’ olivines being those that crystallized at the deepest levels and the ‘coldest’ olivines recording crystallization after substantial decompression and possibly storage in a crustal magma chamber. The olivines with the highest temperatures likely crystallized soon after melt segregated from the mantle and will therefore record temperatures close to the actual mantle temperature. It is

thought that mantle melting was initiated at depths of around 100-150 km in the early NAIP, both in the BTIP (Kent and Fitton, 2000) and at West Greenland (Larsen and Pedersen, 2000). Applying a liquid adiabatic gradient of 30 °C/GPa (McKenzie and Bickle, 1988) would imply a 6 GPa olivine crystallization pressure range in samples where the  $T_{Al}$  range is 180°C or greater, however this is highly unlikely, and so olivines that record temperatures more than 100°C lower than the maximum  $T_{Al}$  probably represent crystals that have cooled and fractionated within crustal magma chambers, which is reflected in their systematically lower Mg#. The maximum range within the Tertiary Iceland samples is much lower (45°C), likely reflecting the lower mantle temperatures and therefore a narrower range in crystallization depths. On the other hand, the range in  $T_{Al}$  in the Iceland neovolcanic samples is up to 180°C within a sample and this is likely to reflect storage, fractionation and cooling within the crust.

Table 3.7: Olivine-spinel equilibrium temperatures ( $T_{Al}$ ) using the Al-in-olivine thermometer. All temperatures are in °C. The error on the thermometer is  $\pm 22^\circ\text{C}$  (Wan et al., 2008).

Sample	Max $T_{Al}$	Min $T_{Al}$	Average $T_{Al}$
Skye	1474	1337	1410
Mull	1434	1322	1381
Rum	1498	1350	1452
Baffin Island	1461	1240	1400
West Greenland	1484	1239	1406
Iceland Tertiary	1315	1187	1237
Iceland	1368	1183	1315

Plots of temperature against olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , olivine Mg# and  $K_D(\text{Al})^{ol-sp}$  are presented in Figure 3.14. The Phase 1 samples record the highest temperatures, the Iceland Tertiary samples record the lowest temperatures, and the Iceland neovolcanic samples are intermediate between the two. There are two temperature trends in the neovolcanic samples (Figure 3.14a), and while both trends cover a similar range in  $T_{Al}$  and olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content, the upper trend is defined by higher olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  content at fixed  $T_{Al}$ . As was noted in Section 2.6.7, the Iceland Cr-spinels exhibit a bimodal distribution related to geographic location. This is reflected in the temperature trends, with the upper trend representing samples erupted in the EVZ and the lower trend representing those erupted in

Table 3.8: Maximum, minimum and range in  $T_{Al}$  for each NAIP sample in °C.

Sample	Max $T_{Al}$	Min $T_{Al}$	$T_{Al}$ range
<b>S1</b>	1453	1409	44
<b>S2</b>	1471	1374	97
<b>S3</b>	1470	1370	100
<b>S5</b>	1437	1391	46
<b>S7</b>	1386	1360	26
<b>S8</b>	1431	1337	94
<b>S9</b>	1431	1340	91
<b>S10</b>	1462	1347	115
<b>M9</b>	1498	1440	58
<b>MU1.1</b>	1402	1322	80
<b>MU1.2</b>	1394	1361	33
<b>MU2.2</b>	1417	1376	41
<b>MU3.1</b>	1434	1371	63
<b>PAD4</b>	1421	1390	31
<b>PAD5</b>	1428	1406	22
<b>PAD6</b>	1434	1240	194
<b>APO4</b>	1460	1447	13
<b>APO7</b>	1424	1413	11
<b>DUR6</b>	1425	1307	118
<b>DUR8</b>	1461	1298	163
<b>138345</b>	1484	1437	47
<b>340740</b>	1430	1361	69
<b>354754</b>	1388	1239	149
<b>362077</b>	1486	1398	88
<b>400230</b>	1425	1380	45
<b>ED</b>	1231	1187	44
<b>KoP</b>	1284	1246	38
<b>SAU3199</b>	1236	1218	18
<b>SD</b>	1265	1233	32
<b>VP1a</b>	1236	1201	35
<b>I2</b>	1316	1244	72
<b>I5</b>	1368	1283	85
<b>I9</b>	1368	1183	185

the NVZ and RVZ. As was discussed in Section 2.6.7, the difference in Cr-spinel compositions between the EVZ and the NVZ and RVZ is likely a result of different melting conditions due the thick crust that is present in the EVZ.

In general, higher olivine Mg# correlates with higher temperatures (Figure 3.14b). The early NAIP samples generally have high temperatures and very primitive olivines, while the lower temperature Iceland Tertiary olivines are less Mg-rich. However, several of the relatively evolved olivines from West Greenland and Baffin Island record some of the highest temperatures. The composition of these



olivines matches that of olivine rims from the same rocks (Starkey, 2009), suggesting that Mg and Fe have completely re-equilibrated in some olivines with a more evolved melt. Al, as a trivalent cation, diffuses much more slowly in the olivine lattice (Spandler and O'Neill, 2010) and hence the initial high- $T$  signature is preserved. This result demonstrates one of the advantages of using the Al-in-olivine thermometer over traditional olivine-melt thermometry techniques.

A strong positive correlation exists between  $K_D(\text{Al})^{ol-sp}$  and temperature (Figure 3.14c). As expected, the lowest  $K_D(\text{Al})^{ol-sp}$  values are calculated for the Iceland Tertiary picrites and the highest are from Phase 1 picrites, with the Iceland neovolcanic samples intermediate between the two. A weaker positive correlation between spinel Cr# and  $K_D(\text{Al})^{ol-sp}$  is present (Figure 3.14d) and there is far more scatter present than in Figure 3.14c. This observation suggests that while spinel Cr# does influence the exchange of aluminium into olivine, it is temperature that is the most significant factor. The bimodal distribution of neovolcanic Iceland spinels is also seen in Figure 3.14d, where two distinct populations are present.

### Comparison to MORB

Table 3.9: Maximum  $T_{Al}$  for each suite. Max  $\Delta T = T_{max} - T_{MORB}$  where the error is  $\pm 22^\circ\text{C}$ . Average  $\Delta T = \text{average Al-in-olivine } T \text{ of each suite} - T_{MORB}$ , where  $T_{MORB} = \text{average olivine-spinel co-precipitation of MORB, calculated as } 1193^\circ\text{C}$  (Coogan et al., 2014).

Sample Suite	Max $T_{Al}$ $^\circ\text{C}$	Max $\Delta T_{Al}$ $^\circ\text{C}$	Average $\Delta T_{Al}$ $^\circ\text{C}$
Skye	1474	278	217
Mull	1434	241	187
Rum	1498	305	259
Baffin Island	1461	268	207
West Greenland	1486	291	213
Iceland Tertiary	1314	122	44
Iceland zero-age	1368	175	122

In all sample suites, the maximum  $T_{Al}$  is higher than any MORB sample measured by Coogan et al. (2014), who recorded a maximum temperature of  $1270^\circ\text{C}$ , and an average of  $1193^\circ\text{C}$ . The maximum and average temperature differences of

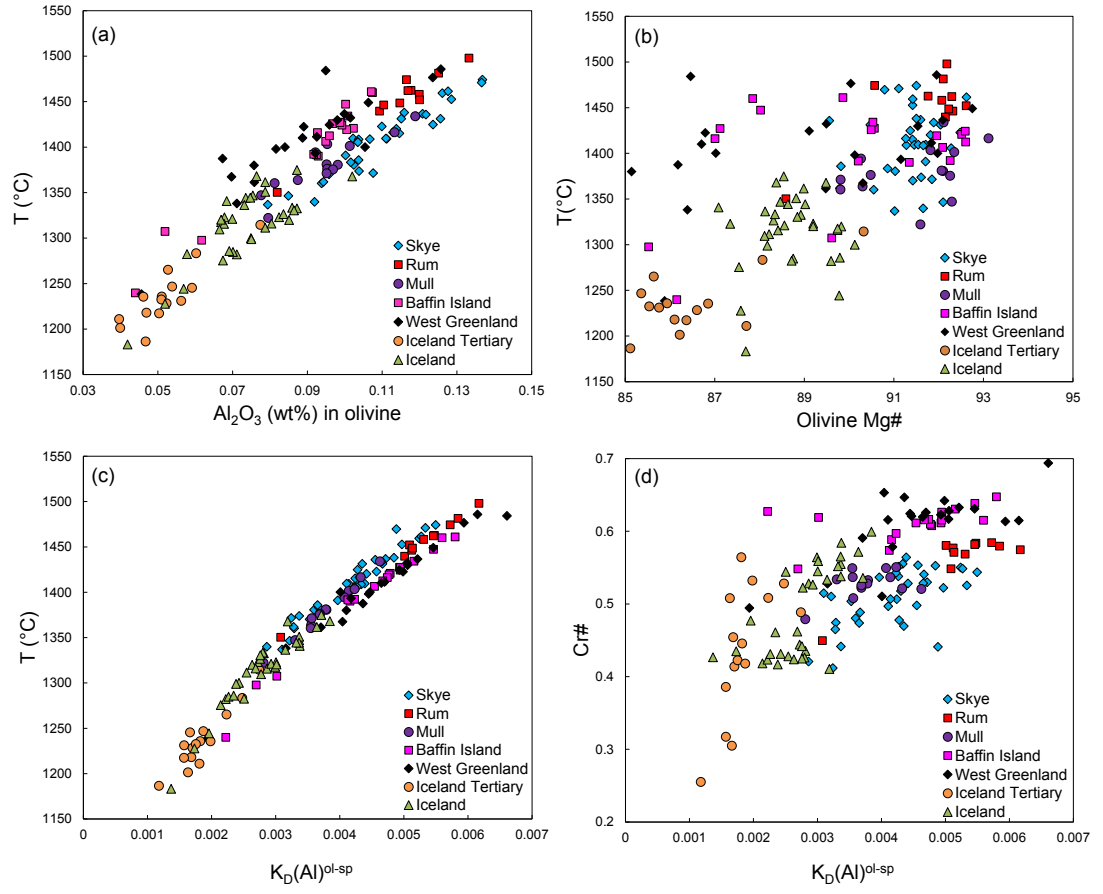


Figure 3.14:  $T_{\text{Al}}$  ( $^{\circ}\text{C}$ ) vs (a) olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$ , (b) olivine Mg# and (c)  $K_D(\text{Al})^{\text{ol-sp}}$ . (d)  $K_D(\text{Al})^{\text{ol-sp}}$  vs Cr# of Cr-spinel.

the NAIP samples calculated using the Al-in-olivine thermometer are compared with MORB and presented in Table 3.9. The difference between maximum  $T_{Al}$  and average MORB ranges from 241 to  $305 \pm 22^\circ\text{C}$  in the Phase 1 samples, and is  $122 \pm 22^\circ\text{C}$  and  $175 \pm 22^\circ\text{C}$  in the Iceland Tertiary and neovolcanic zone samples, respectively. The temperature decrease between the Phase 1 picrites and the Iceland Tertiary picrites is similar to that calculated using olivine-melt thermometry and indicates a significant cooling of the mantle plume now underlying Iceland since the flare-up of volcanism at 62-61 Ma. The Al-in-olivine temperatures also suggest a slight warming in the North Atlantic mantle underlying Iceland since 13-14 Ma, similar to the olivine-melt thermometry results. However, the relatively large uncertainty of  $\pm 45^\circ\text{C}$  associated with olivine-melt thermometry means that this conclusion should be treated with caution. Fortunately, the Al-in-olivine thermometer has a much smaller uncertainty, and it is clear that the Iceland picrites indeed record a warming of the mantle since the eruption of the Tertiary picrites. The Al-in-olivine data therefore provide strong evidence for long-term fluctuations in the temperature of the Iceland plume on a timescale of  $10^7$  years.

If a liquid adiabatic gradient of  $30^\circ\text{C}/\text{GPa}$  (McKenzie and Bickle, 1988) is applied to  $\Delta T_{max}$ , there is still a 200-250°C difference in  $T_{Al}$  between Phase 1 picrites and MORB, even if it is assumed that olivine-spinel co-precipitation occurred at 3 GPa (a depth of 100 km) in the Phase 1 NAIP picrites and at 0.8 GPa in MORB (at the shallow end of the range of melt pressures at MORs estimated by Kinzler and Grove (1992b)). This conclusion is in good agreement with previous estimates of the excess temperature in plume heads (McKenzie and Bickle, 1988; Campbell, 2007) and indicates that mantle plume heads are associated with thermal anomalies of several hundred degrees across a widespread area at least 2000 km in diameter. Applying the liquid adiabatic gradient to Iceland, if an olivine crystallisation pressure of 2.3 GPa is assumed at Iceland (Putirka et al., 2007), the difference between average MORB and maximum Iceland Tertiary and neovolcanic Iceland temperatures is  $\sim 90^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\sim 150^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively. The high  $T_{Al}$  of the NAIP samples compared to MORB therefore cannot be explained by increased olivine crystallization depths as quite unreasonable differences of several hundred km would be required. Since the Al-in-olivine temperatures are completely independent of those calculated from olivine-melt thermometry and PRIMELT3, the existence of a thermal mantle plume throughout the lifetime of

the NAIP seems irrefutable on the basis of results from this study.

### **Location of the early plume centre**

One of the predictions of the plume model is that the temperature of the plume head will increase towards the centre (Campbell, 2007) due to the greater contribution of hot material from the thermal boundary layer. However, the data here indicate that the thermal anomaly at West Greenland and Baffin Island, which were close to the centre of the proposed plume axis by Lawver and Müller (1994), was as high as that at the BTIP, thought to have been located 1300 km from the axis (Saunders et al., 1997). There are two possible explanations for this. Either hot material is capable of spreading out farther than predicted by the plume model during the initial pulse of magmatism, or the plume axis was located elsewhere. The first option supports modelling by Larsen et al. (1999) who argued that the simultaneous onset of volcanism across the NAIP at 61-62 Ma could be explained by a fast moving plume that spread out horizontally at a rate of 0.5 m/y upon impact with the lithosphere. The second option is in agreement with studies that have suggested that the plume centre was in fact located beneath eastern Greenland (Brooks, 1973; Brooks and Nielsen, 1982; White and McKenzie, 1989), as this marks the centre of NAIP volcanism (Figure 3.15) and the oldest oceanic crust formed just after continental separation is thickest here. If this is the case, the mantle thermal anomaly beneath eastern Greenland was perhaps even greater than the 200-250°C experienced at West Greenland, Baffin Island and the BTIP.

Field observations may provide some insight into which scenario is correct. While the Al-in-olivine data from both sides of the NAIP indicate that the maximum temperature anomaly in the mantle was equal, the volume of picrites in West Greenland and Baffin Island is very much higher than that in the BTIP. Picritic lavas in West Greenland and Baffin Island make up 30-50% of the lava pile (Gill et al., 1992), however in the BTIP, they are restricted to only a few 10s of metres and minor intrusions (Stuart et al., 2000). There are two possible explanations for this. Either high-Mg magmas were simply less abundant in the BTIP, or the most primitive magmas were trapped in the crust. The first option suggests that the West Greenland and Baffin Island source mantle had a higher contribution of

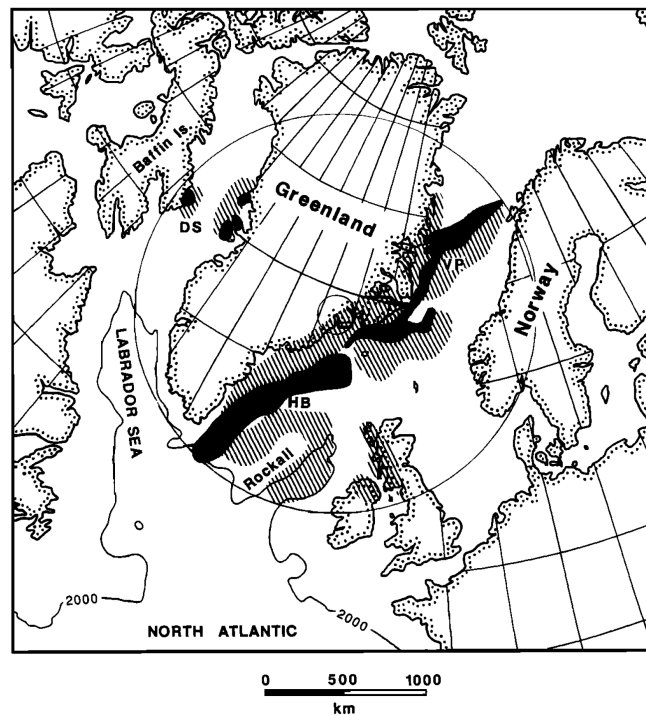


Figure 3.15: Reconstruction of the North Atlantic plate configuration just after the onset of oceanic spreading. Hatching indicates the extent of early Tertiary igneous activity, solid shading indicates the position of extrusive volcanic rocks. The inferred position of the plume axis beneath east Greenland and the extent of the mushroom-shaped plume head of abnormally hot mantle are indicated. From (White and McKenzie, 1989).

high- $T$  material heated by the thermal boundary layer feeding the mantle plume and is consistent with the proposed position of the early plume axis by Lawver and Müller (1994). This would suggest that the initial hot thermal boundary material is capable of spreading out across an area at least 2000 km in diameter, but that its relative contribution will decrease away from the plume axis. However, the latter option is also a possibility as the density of the Hebridean upper crust is sufficient to prevent significant volumes of dense magma reaching the surface (Kent, 1995). Additionally, Brodie and White (1994) indicate the presence of extensive igneous underplating along the northwest European margin during the Early Tertiary, suggesting that a large volume of melt was trapped in the lower crust. While it is likely that density traps similar to that of the Hebrides existed beneath Baffin Island and West Greenland, it is thought that upper crustal extension was greater in these areas during the Late Cretaceous-Early Tertiary, allowing for easier ascension paths for picritic magmas than in the Hebrides (e.g. Keen et al., 1994). From the data presented here, it is not possible to conclusively prove

where plume axis was located at the onset of magmatism between 61 and 62 Ma. However, the key result is that uniform temperatures are found on either side of the province across an area 2000 km in diameter.

### 3.4 Comparison of thermometry techniques

The data from olivine-melt and Al-in-olivine thermometry and PRIMELT3 all suggest that volcanism in the NAIP is the result of a thermal anomaly in the mantle. However, each technique produces strikingly different results, summarised in Table 3.10. The olivine-melt thermometer consistently gives temperatures 100–200°C higher than the Al-in-olivine thermometer (Figure 3.16), a discrepancy that was also noted by Coogan et al. (2014). There is a good correlation between olivine-melt thermometry  $T$  and Al-in-olivine  $T$ , as demonstrated in Figure 3.16, however the olivine-melt thermometry temperatures are systematically higher. There is no correlation between calculated Al-in-olivine temperature and the temperature difference between the two techniques (Figure 3.16) and the temperature offset between the two techniques does not vary systematically with olivine crystallisation temperature.

Table 3.10: Comparison of the maximum temperatures calculated for each suite using olivine-melt thermometry, PRIMELT3 and the Al-in-olivine thermometer. The error for each technique is  $\pm 45^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $\pm 46^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\pm 22^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively.  $T_{OL^a} = T_{OL}$  from the original olivine-melt thermometry calculations using the most primitive olivine present in the sample.  $T_{OL^b} = T_{OL}$  calculated from olivine-melt thermometry using the olivine composition calculated to be in equilibrium with the primary magma computed by PRIMELT3. n.d. = not determined.

Suite	$T_{OL^a}^\circ\text{C}$	$T_{PRIMELT3}^\circ\text{C}$	$T_{OL^b}^\circ\text{C}$	$T_{Al}^\circ\text{C}$
Skye	1625	1563	1585	1474
Rum	1715	n.d.	n.d.	1498
Mull	1620	1566	1585	1434
Baffin Island	1665	n.d.	n.d.	1461
West Greenland	1635	1560	1575	1484
Iceland Tertiary	1515	n.d.	n.d.	1315
Iceland	1550	n.d.	n.d.	1368

Section 3.2.3 discussed at length how complexities in the melt system can lead

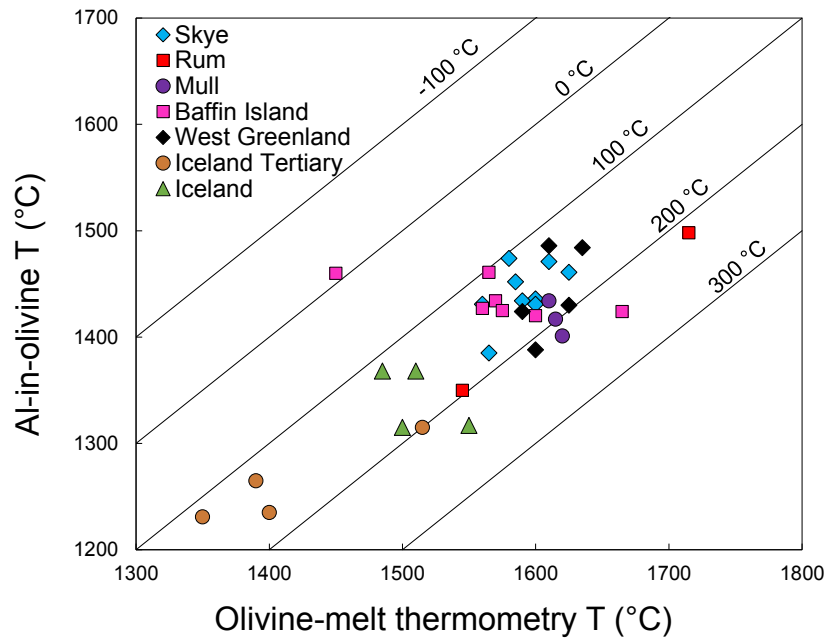


Figure 3.16: Al-in-olivine temperature plotted against olivine-melt thermometry temperature. The diagonal lines represent a fixed temperature difference between olivine-melt thermometry and the Al-in-olivine thermometer.

to overestimation in calculated primary magma MgO, and hence,  $T_{OL}$  using olivine-melt thermometry ( $T_{OL}^a$  in Table 3.10). The software PRIMELT3 was then applied to the samples to filter for these complexities and the olivine-melt thermometry calculations were performed again ( $T_{OL}^b$  in Table 3.10) with the olivine calculated to be in equilibrium with the primary magma from PRIMELT3. However,  $T_{OL}^b$  is still substantially higher than  $T_{Al}$  by up to 183°C (Table 3.11). This difference is a cause for concern, as it is highly unlikely that co-saturation of olivine and spinel occurs up to 180°C lower than the temperature of olivine saturation. This discrepancy was also noted by Coogan et al. (2014) for Siqueiros MORB samples and they suggested that it was the result of mixing of olivines with higher-Mg melts, resulting in re-equilibration of Fe and Mg in olivine, but not Al, evidenced by the presence of reverse zoned olivine crystals. However, it is highly unlikely that this is the case for the NAIP samples as only normally zoned olivine crystals are present.

To investigate the cause of the discrepancy between the techniques, the Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer was applied to the experimental charges of Wan et al. (2008) and Coogan et al. (2014) which were run at known temperatures. The

Table 3.11: Comparison of the maximum temperatures calculated using olivine-melt thermometry and the Al-in-olivine thermometer for each sample that was not filtered by PRIMELT3 for complexities in the melt system. The error for each technique is  $\pm 45^\circ\text{C}$  and  $\pm 22^\circ\text{C}$ , respectively.  $T_{OL^b} = T_{OL}$  calculated from olivine-melt thermometry using the olivine composition calculated to be in equilibrium with the mixed primary magma computed by PRIMELT3.

Sample	$T_{OL^b}^\circ\text{C}$	$T_{Al}^\circ\text{C}$	$T_{OL^b} - T_{Al}^\circ\text{C}$
<b>S1</b>	1585	1453	132
<b>S3</b>	1550	1470	80
<b>S10</b>	1585	1462	123
<b>MU1.1</b>	1585	1402	183
<b>138345</b>	1575	1484	91
<b>362077</b>	1545	1486	59

results are presented in Figure 3.17. For experiments run at  $1250^\circ\text{C}$  and  $1300^\circ\text{C}$ , these temperatures are reproduced by the Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer. However, experiments run between  $1350$  and  $1450^\circ\text{C}$  plot around  $50^\circ\text{C}$  above the experimental run temperature on the olivine saturation surface (Figure 3.17). This cannot be explained by an incorrect choice of  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  because all of the experiments were run at a fixed pressure of 1 atmosphere and  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$  was therefore known. Neither can it be explained by an incorrect choice of oxidation conditions because varying  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}$  between 0 and 0.2 did not change the result. It is therefore likely that there is a problem with the calibration of the Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer, which is based on the following equations:

$$\ln D_{Mg}^{ol/liq} = -2.158 + 55.09 \cdot \frac{P}{T} - 0.06213 \cdot [H_2O^{liq}] + \frac{4430}{T} + 0.05115 \cdot [Na_2O^{liq} + K_2O^{liq}] \quad (3.6)$$

$$\ln D_{Fe}^{ol/liq} = -3.3 + 47.57 \cdot \frac{P}{T} - 0.05192 \cdot [H_2O^{liq}] + \frac{3344}{T} + 0.05595 \cdot [Na_2O^{liq} + K_2O^{liq}] + 0.01633 \cdot [SiO_2^{liq}] \quad (3.7)$$

The problem with the Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer cannot, however, explain the temperature discrepancy of up to  $183^\circ\text{C}$  between olivine-melt thermometry and the Al-in-olivine thermometer, although it may contribute. It was shown in Section 3.2.3 that a decrease in olivine-melt equilibrium pressure from 3 GPa



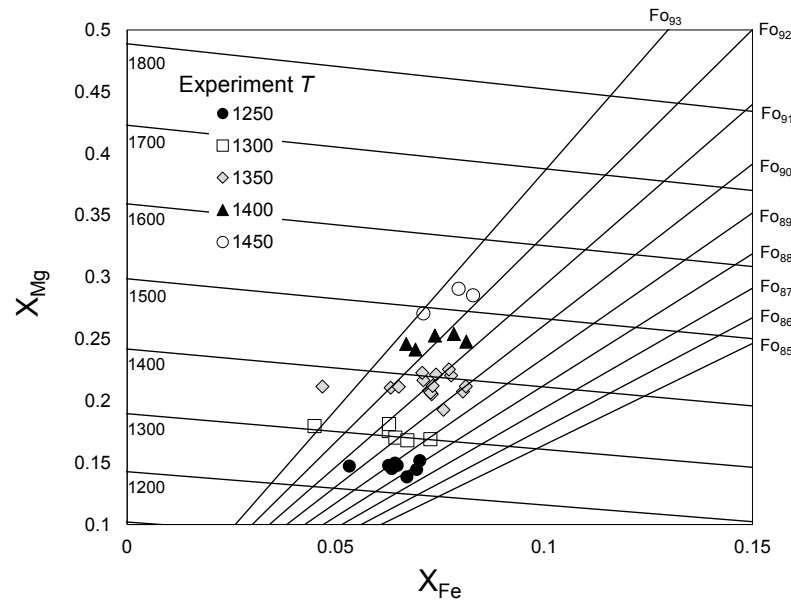


Figure 3.17: Olivine saturation model used to calculate  $T_{OL}$  of the experimental run products of Wan et al. (2008) and Coogan et al. (2014) at known temperatures using the Putirka et al. (2007) olivine-melt thermometer. The experiments were run at a pressure of 1 atmosphere, which corresponds to a  $K_D(Fe-Mg)^{ol-liq}$  of 0.29. All temperatures are in °C and  $Fe^{3+}/\sum Fe=0.1$ .

to 1 atmosphere can result in a 125°C decrease in calculated  $T_{OL}$ . The discrepancy between  $T_{OL}$  and  $T_{Al}$  can be reconciled in the BTIP samples in Table 3.11 (within the error of each respective thermometer) if the overestimate in  $T_{OL}$  of 50°C is taken into account, and the olivine-melt equilibrium pressure is decreased by 1-2 GPa. This would suggest equilibration at a depth of 30-60 km, rather than the estimate of 100 km that was used in the original  $T_{OL}$  calculations. The discrepancy between  $T_{OL}$  and  $T_{Al}$  in the West Greenland samples is 59°C and 91°C. Only a modest decrease in olivine-melt equilibrium pressure of <1 GPa is required to reconcile  $T_{OL}$  and  $T_{Al}$ , suggesting that the West Greenland olivines were equilibrated at greater depths than in the BTIP. This result further highlights the advantage of the Al-in-olivine thermometer over olivine-melt thermometry because it is not pressure dependent.

## 3.5 Summary

The olivine crystallisation temperatures of the NAIP picrites were calculated using three different approaches. These were the traditional method of olivine-melt thermometry, the mantle melting software PRIMELT3 and the newly developed Al-in-olivine thermometer. It is usual to use mantle  $T_P$  when discussing thermal anomalies but unfortunately, converting crystallization temperature to  $T_P$  requires assumptions about the depth and degree of melting and latent heat of fusion, which are difficult to constrain accurately. However,  $T_P$  and crystallization temperature of the most primitive magmas must be directly correlated and so the maximum olivine crystallization temperatures can be used as a proxy for mantle  $T_P$ . All approaches indicate that there has been a thermal anomaly in the North Atlantic mantle since the onset of volcanism at  $\sim 61$  Ma. The thermal anomaly was greatest during the plume-head phase of activity when the Phase 1 picrites were erupted, and all three techniques show that the most primitive olivines in each sample suite crystallized at temperatures 250-300°C above that of ambient mantle. The magnitude of the thermal anomaly on both sides of the NAIP during Phase 1 volcanism was uniform, with the BTIP, Baffin Island and West Greenland samples recording similarly high temperatures, despite being separated by a distance of 2000 km. The Iceland Tertiary picrites record the lowest temperatures, with  $T_{Al}$  122°C above that of MORBs, indicating a significant cooling of the mantle plume now underlying Iceland since the Phase 1 picrites were erupted. The samples from the neovolcanic zones of Iceland indicate a warming of the plume of around 50°C since 13-14 Ma. The Al-in-olivine data therefore provide strong evidence for long-term fluctuations in the temperature of the Iceland plume on a timescale of  $10^7$  years.

Although the three techniques calculate similar temperature differences between the NAIP samples and MORB, the absolute temperatures were strikingly different. Olivine-melt thermometry typically gave  $T_{OL}$  that were 100-200°C higher than  $T_{Al}$ . To investigate this discrepancy, the PRIMELT3 mantle melting software of Herzberg and Asimow (2015) was applied to the samples. PRIMELT3 has filters to detect processes that can enhance MgO/FeO of primary magmas, which will lead to an overestimation in  $T_{OL}$  calculated using olivine-melt thermometry. Only six of the thirty six NAIP samples survived the filters, indicating that pro-

cesses such as high pressure clinopyroxene fractionation and advanced fractional melting are common during mantle melting. Olivine-melt thermometry is not an appropriate technique for samples that have been affected by these processes as the elevated MgO of the primary magma will appear to enhance the apparent thermal anomaly. Using the olivine composition calculated by PRIMELT3 to be in equilibrium with the primary magmas of the six samples that passed the filters,  $T_{OL}$  calculated by olivine-melt thermometry was decreased by up to 65°C, however this new temperature (along with the calculated PRIMELT3  $T_{OL}$ ) is still higher than  $T_{Al}$  in some samples by up to 183°C. To investigate this, the Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer was applied to the experimental charges of Wan et al. (2008), which were run at a known temperature. It was found that above temperatures of 1350°C, the Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer overestimates  $T_{OL}$  by 50°C. The discrepancy in calculated temperature between  $T_{OL}$  and  $T_{Al}$  can be explained by a combination of the inaccuracy in the Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer calibration, and by lowering the assumed olivine-melt equilibrium pressure by 1-2 GPa.

The results from this chapter clearly demonstrate the limitations of the traditional olivine-melt thermometry technique. Crystallization depths are hard to constrain accurately, introducing a large uncertainty into the calculation. In addition, processes that raise the MgO/FeO of a primary melt appear to be prevalent during mantle melting, which limits the universal application of PRIMELT3 to primitive volcanic rocks and can enhance olivine-melt thermometry temperatures. On this basis, the Al-in-olivine thermometer, which is independent of pressure and is based solely on the temperature-dependent exchange of Al between Cr-spinel and olivine, appears to be a far more robust proxy for mantle temperature and is likely to become the petrographic technique of choice for calculating olivine crystallisation temperature in the future.

## 4 NAIP melting dynamics and helium isotopes

### 4.1 Introduction

Since the separation of Greenland from NW Europe at 55 Ma, the North Atlantic ocean floor has provided a continuous, but variable, record of mantle melting. The location of the plume beneath the Mid-Atlantic spreading axis therefore provides a unique insight into the temporal evolution of the mantle plume. The purpose of this chapter is to discuss the temperature of the Iceland mantle plume through time and its influence on magmatism across the NAIP. The first part will link seafloor topography, geophysical constraints and trace element geochemistry with the Al-in-olivine temperature data to show that the long-term ( $10^7$  year) fluctuations in plume temperature indicated by the Al-in-olivine thermometry results have had a hugely significant effect on mantle melting across the region.

The second part of this chapter will focus on helium isotopes and their relationship with mantle plumes. The samples from Baffin Island and West Greenland contain olivines with the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values yet found on Earth, and since the magnitude of the thermal anomaly was as high here as it was in the BTIP, a key question concerns whether the BTIP olivines will also contain such high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ , and whether a link between temperature and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  exists. It is clear from previous studies that the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir on Earth does not have a unique composition for any incompatible trace element or isotope tracer (e.g. Hofmann, 1997; Class and Goldstein, 2005; Starkey et al., 2009), and so investigating its relationship with temperature will allow us to place better constraints on its origin and relationship with mantle plumes. Finally, the results of this study will be placed in a global context and a model that links the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  source, temperature, mantle plumes and mantle dynamics will be presented.

## 4.2 Temperature of the NAIP mantle through time

The results from Al-in-olivine thermometry show that the temperature of the NAIP mantle has changed through time. Phase 1 magmatism is associated with a hot pulse of Mg-rich material due to the arrival of the ancestral Iceland plume at the base of the North Atlantic lithosphere. The Al-in-olivine data indicate that the  $T_{Al}$  of early NAIP picrites was 250-300°C above that of average MORB, and that the temperature distribution across the province at this time was uniform, covering an area 2000 km in diameter, from Baffin Island in the west, to the BTIP in the east. The Al-in-olivine data then indicate that the mantle beneath the North Atlantic region cooled significantly after the initial phases of volcanism, in agreement with the plume model that predicts that plumes become focussed into a narrow mantle upwelling with time (Campbell, 2007). By 13-14 Ma, the maximum difference in  $T_{Al}$  between the Tertiary Iceland picrites and average MORB was 122°C. Significantly, the data show that the plume temperature beneath Iceland is currently increasing, with a 50°C increase in maximum  $T_{Al}$  since 13-14 Ma indicated by the picrite and primitive basalt samples from the Icelandic neovolcanic zones. The long-term temperature fluctuations of the plume are highly significant because they have had a profound impact on the melting dynamics and formation of oceanic crust in the region, which are described in detail below.

### 4.2.1 Bathymetry of the North Atlantic

On a short timescale, the plume has been subject to periodic fluctuations in melt production which has resulted in the formation of V-shaped ridges (VSRs) (Figure 4.1) along the Reykjanes Ridge spreading axis south of Iceland. These are topographic and gravity lineations that converge southwards on the spreading axis and result from variations in thickness of oceanic crust formed as a consequence of melting anomalies that propagate away from Iceland within the asthenosphere. Jones et al. (2014) recently showed that the melting anomalies are caused by fluctuations in mantle temperature and not by changes in mantle lithology (Foulger et al., 2005b) or rift propagation and relocation cycles (Hardarson et al., 1997),

as had been previously suggested. Fluctuations of 25-30°C in the temperature of the plume over a timescale of 8 million years (Parnell-Turner et al., 2014) are responsible for VSRs that have formed over the past 40-35 Ma. There are indications in the gravity field of similar lineations in the oldest oceanic crust (35-55 Ma), however the thick sediment cover here means that no bathymetric ridges are visible and the magnitude of the gravity signal is greatly attenuated. Nevertheless, it is thought that the weak VSRs in this section of the North Atlantic were formed by small fluctuations in mantle temperature of 5-10°C over a shorter period of 3 million years (Parnell-Turner et al., 2014).

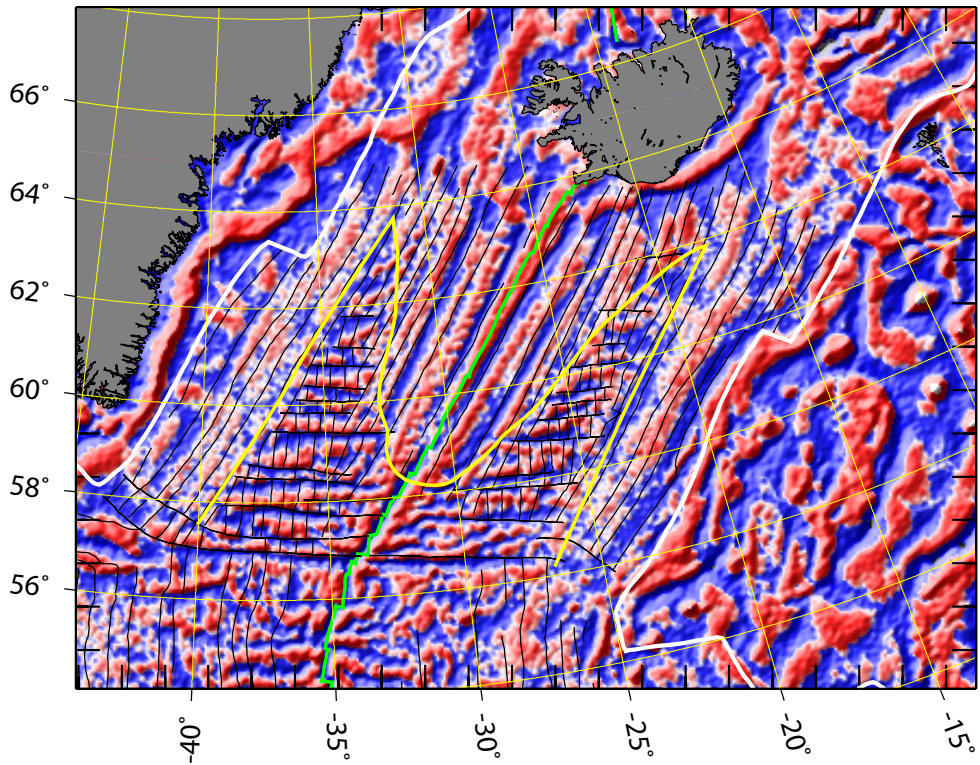


Figure 4.1: Map of short (<250 km)-wavelength free-air gravity anomalies in the North Atlantic (Jones et al., 2002), on which the VSRs extending south of Iceland are prominent. The green line south of Iceland is the Reykjanes Ridge spreading axis. The yellow line represents the boundary between smooth and fractured oceanic crust, the white lines represent the edge of the Greenland and European continental margins. Thin black lines indicate crustal lineations, either as a result of VSRs or oceanic fracture zones.

In the wider North Atlantic Ocean basin, there are three main types of oceanic crust, and the distribution of these are a result of long-term changes in mantle

temperature that are in agreement with the Al-in-olivine data. The arrangement of the three crustal types is shown in Figure 4.2 and are as follows:

- (i) Normal oceanic crust with fracture zones: Oceanic ridge segments are separated by fracture zones and is the normal pattern at slow-spreading ridges observed elsewhere in the ocean basins. The crustal thickness here is estimated at 6.3 km (Whitmarsh, 1971), consistent with the idea that it was generated above normal mantle temperatures (e.g. McKenzie and Bickle, 1988).
- (ii) Crust unbroken by fracture zones: Oceanic seafloor that is largely unbroken by fracture zone offsets. This type of crust is consistently thicker than normal oceanic crust, on average 10-11 km (White et al., 1992). Increased oceanic crustal thickness is indicative of higher volumes of melt generation and mantle temperatures (White and Lovell, 1997).
- (iii) Over-thickened oceanic crust: This is abnormally thick (20-35 km) crust that forms the Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe Ridge and is the result of plume driven mantle upwelling (MacLennan et al., 2001; Shorttle and MacLennan, 2011) and anomalously hot material in the core of the Iceland plume tail (White and Lovell, 1997; Darbyshire et al., 1998).

The strength of the lithosphere is controlled by the temperature of the underlying asthenosphere and determines whether fracture zones are present or not in oceanic crust. The uppermost part of the oceanic crust (about 2 km) is cooled by hydrothermal circulation and is therefore brittle. Below this, the crust remains hot from igneous intrusions and cools mainly by conduction (Henstock et al., 1993), therefore cooling of the mantle, and hence the strength of the lithosphere, is controlled by conductive cooling of the lower crust. At normal slow-spreading centres, intrusion events typically occur on intervals of 10,000-50,000 years, allowing the underlying mantle to cool sufficiently between each event to allow brittle behaviour, resulting in the formation of fracture zones in response to the forces at the spreading centre (White and Lovell, 1997). At spreading axes with higher mantle temperatures, there are three factors that result in ductile behaviour of the lithosphere, producing oceanic crust without fracture zones. Firstly, the increased melt production means that there is an increase in the frequency of in-

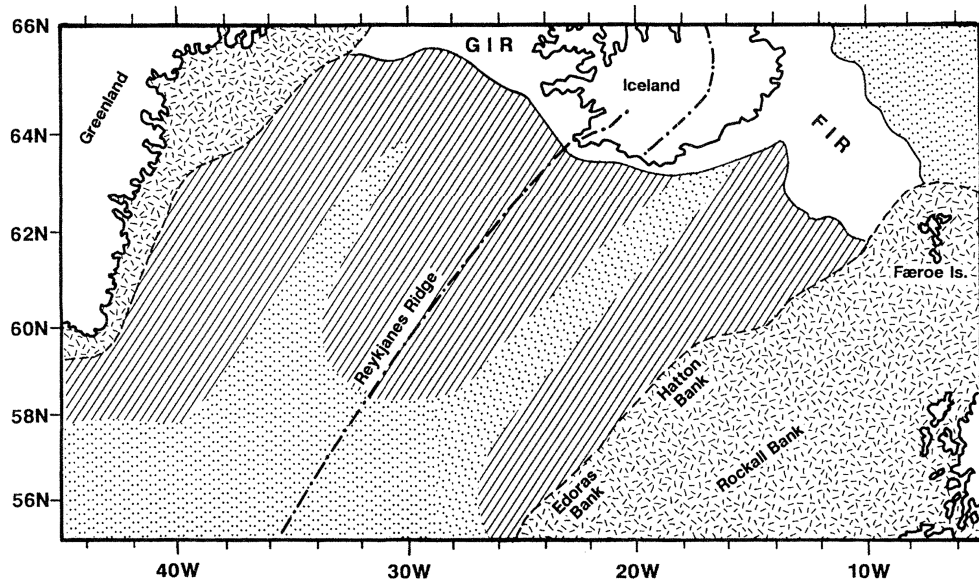


Figure 4.2: Outline of the three main oceanic crustal types found in the North Atlantic. Parallel shading represents oceanic crust formed without fracture zones, dotted shading represents oceanic crust with fracture zones, the blank area represents thick crust generated directly above the mantle plume with the Greenland-Iceland Ridge (GIR) and the Faeroe-Iceland Ridge (FIR) indicated. Together the GIR and FIR form the Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe Ridge (GIFR). Shaded areas in the northwest and southeast corners of the map represent thinned continental crust on the respective Greenland and European continental margins. From White and Lovell (1997).

trusion events, secondly, the mantle temperature itself is hotter so has further to cool before it forms brittle lithosphere, and thirdly (and possibly most importantly) the thicker oceanic crust produced in such regions provides a thicker insulating layer that prevents the underlying mantle from cooling quickly (White and Lovell, 1997).

At the onset of seafloor spreading, the high mantle temperatures associated with the plume-head stage of magmatic activity resulted in the production of oceanic crust 10-11 km thick without fracture zones across the entire ocean basin immediately after continental break-up at 55 Ma (White and Lovell, 1997). As the North Atlantic continued to open, mantle temperatures decreased, resulting in the boundary between smooth and rough oceanic crust migrating rapidly northwards by around 700 km at ~42 Ma (White and Lovell, 1997). The decreased mantle temperatures meant that seafloor spreading became dominated by thinner (6-7 km), fractured oceanic crust. To the south of the GIFR, this phase was relatively short lived, with a reversion to oceanic crust without fracture zones



occurring between 35 and 40 Ma (Figure 4.3), indicating an increase in mantle temperature. The smooth-to-rough transition has continued to extend farther south along the Reykjanes Ridge to the present day (Figure 4.3), and oceanic crust without fracture zones can now be found  $>1000$  km from Iceland (White and Lovell, 1997; Jones et al., 2002), consistent with a continuous expansion of the thermal anomaly due to the increasing temperature in the Iceland plume. Fractured crust near the smooth-to-rough crust boundary is 6.8-7.8 km thick (Navin et al., 1998) whereas unsegmented crust near the boundary is  $9.3 \pm 0.7$  km thick (Bunch and Kennet, 1980). This suggests a critical crustal thickness of 8-9 km is required to produce smooth oceanic crust and implies a critical asthenosphere temperature of 40-50°C above normal (Brown and White, 1994), assuming melting of uniform dry peridotite.

The segmentation of oceanic crust is thought to be controlled by plate spreading geometry as well as mantle temperature (Vogt and Avery, 1974; White and Lovell, 1997) and it has been proposed that the sudden change to rough oceanic crust at  $\sim 42$  Ma was a result of a change in spreading obliquity (Jones, 2003). At this time, the spreading obliquity along the Reykjanes Ridge changed from  $0^\circ$  to  $30^\circ$  in response to a reorganisation of seafloor spreading across the North Atlantic region (the onset of spreading along the Kolbeinsey Ridge to the North of Iceland and the cessation of spreading in the Labrador Sea). Oblique spreading requires a component of plate movement parallel to the spreading axis, producing more strain within the lithosphere compared to orthogonal spreading (Jones, 2003). This strain will lead to fracturing of the crust only if it is cool enough to allow brittle deformation. The rapid migration northwards of the smooth-to-rough boundary at 42 Ma may indeed have been triggered by the change in spreading obliquity, however fractured crust requires close to normal mantle temperatures and the fact that it was then formed across a large part of the North Atlantic is in agreement with the Al-in-olivine data that suggests long-term cooling of the mantle after Phase 1 volcanism.

Modelling by Jones (2003) suggests that the southwards migration of the smooth-to-rough boundary could be explained by westwards migration of the Reykjanes Ridge over the Iceland plume, which results in a decrease in the distance between the ridge and the plume stem. While the Al-in-olivine data does not preclude this possibility, it indicates that an increase in mantle temperature of around 50°C has

also played a role.

The fluctuating temperatures have caused the width of the broad strip of anomalously thick crust forming the GIFR to change through time. The width of the ridge decreases and is at its narrowest at an age of 35 Ma (Figure 4.3), followed by a rapid expansion into the large oceanic plateau now surrounding Iceland. It has been noted that crustal flow plays an important role in shaping the crustal structure of the GIFR (Jones and MacLennan, 2005), however it is the extent and magnitude of the thermal anomaly that determines the areal extent of the over-thickened crust. The narrowing of the ridge at 35 Ma suggests that mantle temperatures were lowest at this time. The expansion of the ridge to form the large basalt plateau around Iceland indicates increased melt production and hence higher temperatures. These observations are in agreement with the location of the smooth-to-rough boundary, which was closest to Iceland between 40 and 35 Ma.

The long-term cooling of the plume following the plume-head phase of activity to around 40-35 Ma is evidenced by crustal thickness profiles in the region. Seismic profiles of the Faroes ridge and the Hatton ridge in the Iceland basin (Figure 4.4) indicate a significant decrease in crustal thickness between 52 and 42 Ma (Parkin and White, 2008). The most rapid decrease occurs during the first 5-6 million years following continental break-up, before decreasing more slowly to 42 Ma. The Faeroes ridge has greater thickness than the Hatton ridge as it is more proximal to the mantle plume axis and exhibits a pulse in thickness similar to that observed in the VSRs south of Iceland. The long-term temperature changes can also be linked to changes in the magmatic flux of the Iceland plume (Mjelde and Faleide, 2009). A rapid decrease in flux from 55 m<sup>3</sup>/s post continental break-up to only 4 m<sup>3</sup>/s by 40 Ma is observed. Since 23 Ma, the magmatic flux has increased to 7 m<sup>3</sup>/s, in agreement with the idea of a gradually warming mantle plume.

The Al-in-olivine data is in agreement with the conclusions of Parnell-Turner et al. (2014), who modelled mantle potential temperatures from the Reykjanes Ridge through time using seismically determined residual depths (deviation from the cooling plate age-depth curve). Their calculations indicate cooling of around 70°C (which was most rapid following continental break-up) until around 40 Ma,

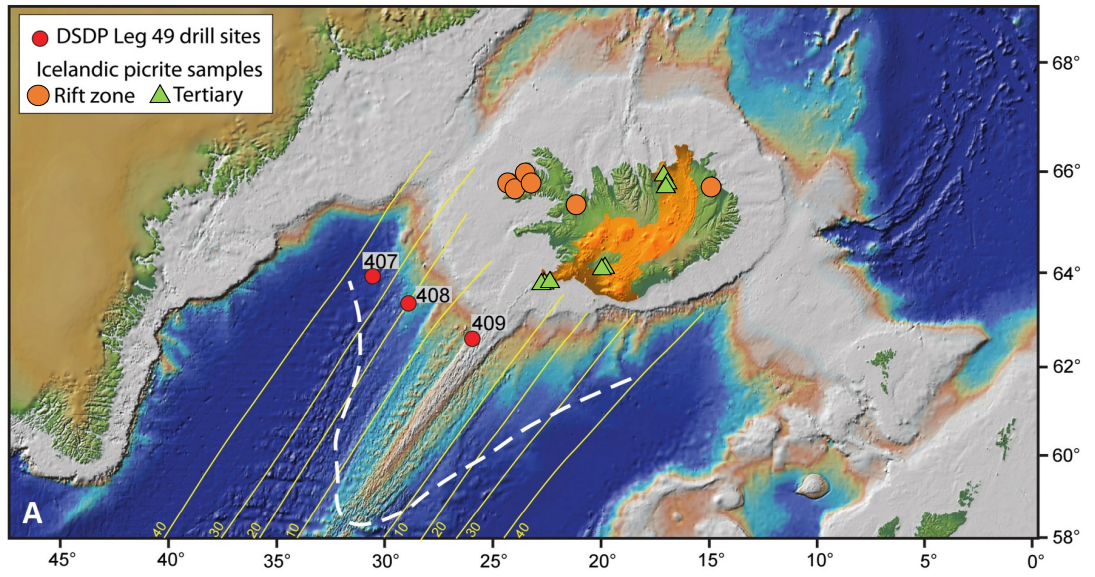


Figure 4.3: Map showing the topography of the seafloor in the North Atlantic region. Iceland sits astride the Mid-Atlantic Ridge and is surrounded by a broad ridge of shallow-ocean extending from Greenland to Faeroe Island, a result of anomalously hot material uplifting the ocean floor. The Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe ridge is at its narrowest at an age of 35 Ma before a rapid expansion to the large oceanic plateau now surrounding Iceland. Yellow lines are the age of the ocean floor (in Ma), the white dashed line is the location of the boundary between smooth and rough oceanic crust (Jones et al., 2002). The rough-to-smooth transition has migrated farther southwards from Iceland through time, and smooth oceanic crust can now be found more than 1000 km from Iceland. The location of Iceland sample sites used in this study are indicated, and red circles show the location of basalts from Deep Sea Drilling Program (DSDP) sites that are presented in Section 4.2.2.

followed by a gradual warming (with fluctuations related to VSRs superimposed) until more recent times (Figure 4.5).

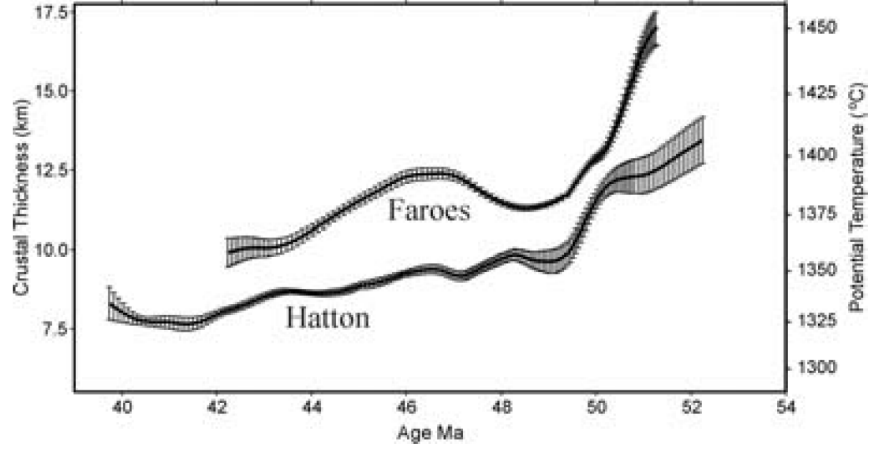


Figure 4.4: Oceanic crustal thickness profiles vs age for the Faeroe and Hatton ridges following continental break-up. Mantle potential temperature is calculated using the method of Brown and White (1994). From Parkin and White (2008).

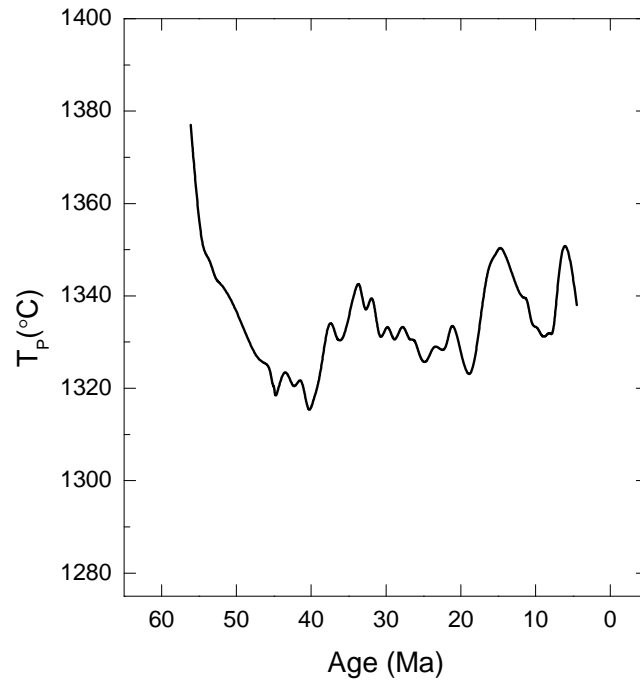


Figure 4.5: Calculated mantle potential temperatures as a function of time at the plume centre based on residual depth calculations. Data from Parnell-Turner et al. (2014).

### 4.2.2 Geochemistry

The increase in mantle temperature since 35 Ma is reflected in the trace element composition of basalts dredged from the Reykjanes Ridge south of Iceland. Three sites (407, 408, 409 on Figure 4.3) were drilled on the western flank of the Reykjanes Ridge along a mantle flow line away from the ridge crest during DSDP Leg 49 (Kempton et al., 2000). When Zr/Y is plotted against age (Figure 4.6), it is shown to decrease steadily with time. Since Zr is more incompatible in mantle phases than Y, a decrease in Zr/Y indicates increasing melt fraction and is therefore consistent with an increase in mantle temperature over the past 35 Ma.

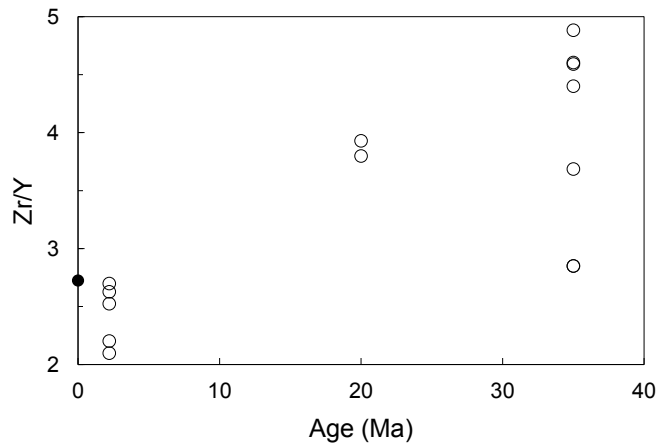


Figure 4.6: Zr/Y vs age for basalt samples collected along a mantle flow line extending west from the Reykjanes Ridge. Data from samples recovered during DSDP Leg 49 (Sites 407, 408 and 409) are shown with open circles (Kempton et al., 2000); the filled circle represents basalt dredged from the ridge axis along the same flow line (Murton et al., 2002). The location of the DSPD sites is shown on Figure 4.3.

### 4.2.3 Summary

Compiling all of the available data, a temperature vs age diagram for the NAIP is presented in Figure 4.7a. The long-term temperature fluctuations of the plume are highly significant because they have had a profound effect on the melting dynamics and magmatism of the North Atlantic region. Since continental separation at 55 Ma, these changes have been recorded in the bathymetry of the

ocean floor. The arrival of the mantle plume now underlying Iceland was associated with an initial hot pulse of volcanism and the  $T_{Al}$  of Phase 1 NAIP picrites is calculated to be 250-300°C above that of MORB. The Al-in-olivine data suggest that the North Atlantic mantle then cooled considerably. Following the onset of seafloor spreading, this resulted in the rapid migration northwards of the smooth-to-rough oceanic crustal boundary (Figure 4.7b), a decrease in oceanic crustal thickness (Parkin and White, 2008) across the region and a decrease in magmatic flux (Mjelde and Faleide, 2009) of the plume. It is estimated that minimum mantle temperatures were experienced at 40-35 Ma. This conclusion is based on the position of the smooth-to-rough transition boundary closest to Iceland and the narrowing of the GIFR at this time. Following this, the temperature of the plume began to increase again. The  $T_{Al}$  of 13-14 Ma Iceland picrites is calculated to be 122°C higher than that of average MORB. Between 13-14 Ma and the present day, the Al-in-olivine data record a 50°C increase in the temperature of the mantle plume. The increasing temperatures resulted in the expansion of the oceanic plateau surrounding Iceland at 35 Ma, the gradual migration south of the smooth-to-rough transition boundary (Jones et al., 2002) shown in Figure 4.7b, a change in incompatible element chemistry of Reykjanes Ridge basalts (Kempton et al., 2000) and an increase in magmatic flux of the plume (Mjelde and Faleide, 2009).

### 4.3 Helium isotopes

High  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of primitive basalts is a key characteristic of the Iceland plume. Extremely high values of up to 50  $R/R_a$  (Starkey et al., 2009) are found in the Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites, and picrites from Skye have been found to contain up to 22  $R/R_a$  (Stuart et al., 2000). The Iceland Tertiary picrites have  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  up to 37  $R/R_a$  (Ellam and Stuart, 2004) and high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  basalts are still erupted on Iceland today. Since the olivine crystallisation temperature of the Baffin Island, West Greenland and Skye picrites in this study are the same, a key question concerns whether the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$   $R/R_a$  is also the same, and whether a relationship between temperature and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  exists. In this section, new  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  measurements from the BTIP and neovolcanic Iceland samples are presented in order to establish the relationship between  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and temperature

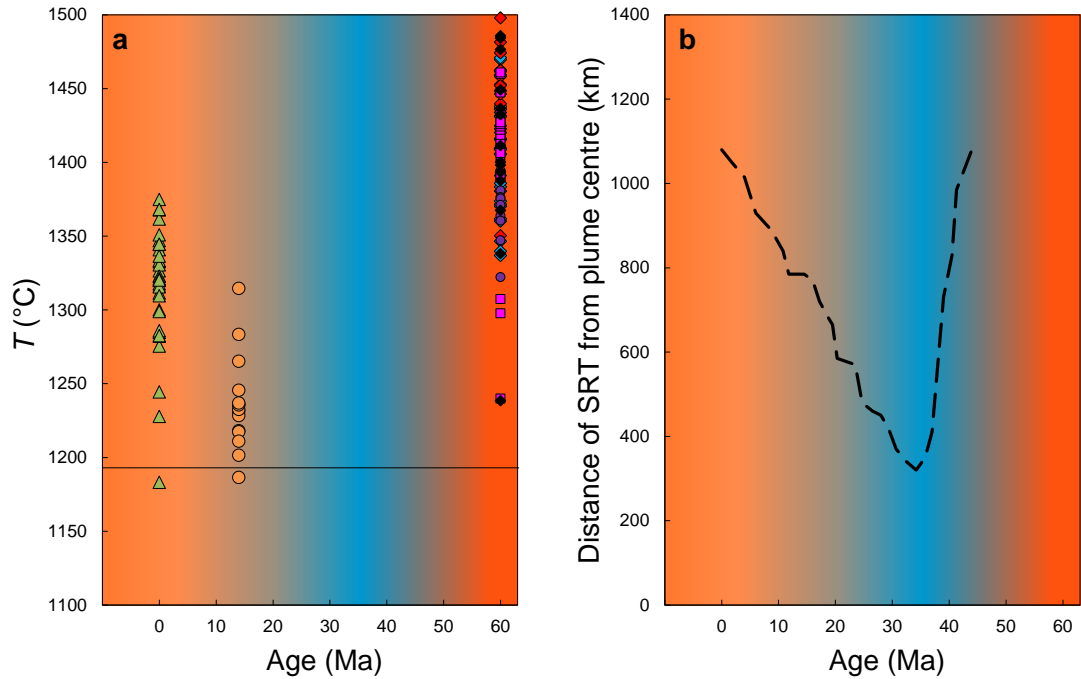


Figure 4.7: (a) Age vs  $T_{Al}$  and, (b) age vs distance of the smooth-to-rough oceanic crust boundary from Iceland. The average MORB  $T_{Al}$  of 1193°C (Coogan et al., 2014) is indicated by the horizontal line. The dashed curve in (b) is the location of the boundary between fractured and smooth oceanic crust in relation to the plume centre under Iceland (Jones et al., 2002). The boundary is at a minimum distance from Iceland at  $\sim 35$  Ma, the best estimate for the age at which the mantle plume was at its coolest. Since 35 Ma, the increasing mantle temperature has resulted in an expansion of the area influenced by the thermal anomaly associated with the plume and the subsequent southwards migration of the boundary, away from Iceland. The background colours provide a schematic indication of North Atlantic mantle temperatures, with orange indicating highest temperatures and blue indicating the lowest temperatures.

now that the  $T_{Al}$  of each sample has been determined.

### 4.3.1 Helium isotope results

Helium isotopes were measured in samples S1, S7, S8, S9, S10, MU1.1, MU1.2, MU2.2, MU3.1, I2, I5, I6, I7 and I8. The analyses were done at the Noble Gas Laboratory at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (SUERC), East Kilbride by Ana Carracedo Plumed (SUERC, University of Glasgow). Isotope ratios were measured in gases trapped in olivine melt inclusions by *in vacuo* crushing of  $\sim 1$  g of olivine crystals. Full analytical details are available in Appendix B.3.

The results are presented below in Table 4.1. Samples with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  below  $8 R/R_a$  (the average value of ambient upper mantle) have either been contaminated with radiogenic  $^4\text{He}$  or have lost their original  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signal. The Skye samples have a  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  range from 2.9-24.7  $R/R_a$ , slightly extending the highest value previously found in the BTIP of 22.1  $R/R_a$  by Stuart et al. (2000).  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ranges from 12.4-15.9  $R/R_a$  in the Mull rocks and these values are similar to the only other published data on  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  from the BTIP, a 42 Ma dyke from northwestern Ireland, which has  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  up to 16  $R/R_a$  (Kirstein and Timmerman, 2000). The  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly is therefore much more extensive across the BTIP than previous studies indicate. The highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  sample from Skye has a depleted trace element signature ( $\Delta Nb < 0$ ), in agreement with previous studies indicating that the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  lavas are more likely to derive from a depleted mantle source (Stuart et al., 2003; Ellam and Stuart, 2004; Macpherson et al., 2005a). Two of the Mull samples have an enriched ‘Icelandic’ mantle trace element signature ( $\Delta Nb > 0$ ), which is in agreement with recent work on the Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites by Starkey et al. (2009) showing that both depleted and enriched samples can carry a high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature.

The samples from Iceland give  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of 12.0  $R/R_a$  from the RVZ, 18.3-18.5 from the EVZ and 5.1-8.7 from the NVZ, and overlap values published in previous studies for each respective volcanic zone of 18-26  $R/R_a$  from the EVZ, 12-16  $R/R_a$  from the RVZ and WVZ and 8-11  $R/R_a$  from the NVZ (Kurz et al., 1985).

A plot of  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  against  $^4\text{He}$  content from olivines across the early NAIP is shown in Figure 4.8. In general, the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  samples contain the most  $^4\text{He}$ , indicating that these samples must have contained relatively large amounts of  $^3\text{He}$ . The high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values of Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites across a range of  $^4\text{He}$  concentrations indicates that the data reflect magmatic  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  rather than contamination with  $^4\text{He}$ . The fact that the highest Skye  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  measured in this study (sample S8) contains the same amount of  $^4\text{He}$  as the other Skye samples with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  much below that of MORB seems to suggest that the low  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  samples have lost their original magmatic  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature and are not more contaminated than S8.



Table 4.1: Helium contents and isotope ratio results

Sample	$^4\text{He}$ ( $10^{-9}$ ccSTP/g)	Error ( $10^{-12}$ ccSTP/g)	$^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ ( $R/R_a$ )	Error $R/R_a$
S1	2.39	0.95	2.89	0.22
S7	6.62	1.99	4.91	0.20
S8	6.53	1.31	24.71	0.39
S9	9.06	2.72	3.36	0.14
S10	5.45	1.09	2.80	0.14
MU1.1	2.24	0.67	15.49	0.66
MU1.2	2.24	0.67	15.94	0.58
MU2.2	1.31	0.66	14.98	1.10
MU3.1	1.75	0.70	12.40	0.49
I2	0.83	0.67	12.00	0.89
I5	8.52	2.56	18.45	0.31
I6	34.92	6.98	18.26	0.27
I7	0.22	0.44	5.07	1.42
I8	0.66	0.59	8.71	0.93

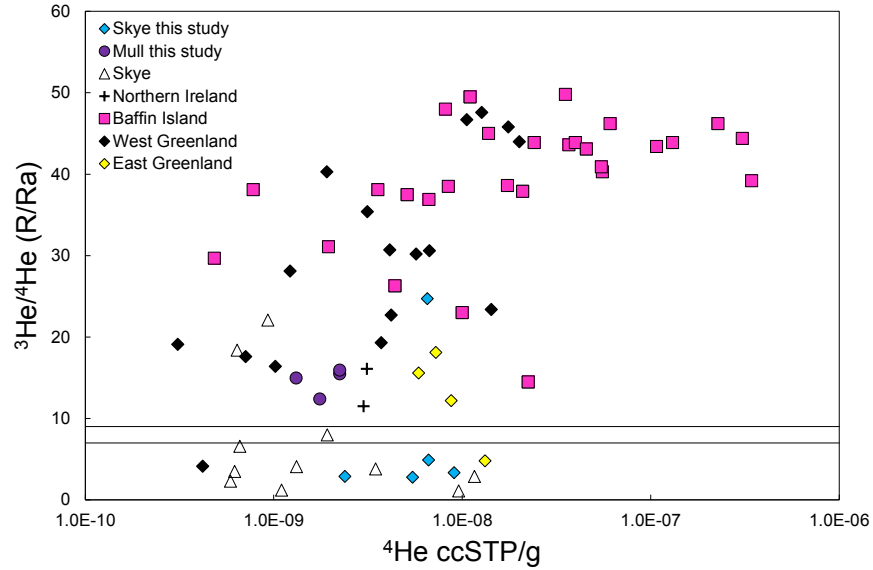


Figure 4.8:  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  vs  $^4\text{He}$  content for *in vacuo* crushing of olivines from across the early NAIP. Skye from this study and Stuart et al. (2000); Mull from this study; Northern Ireland from Kirstein and Timmerman (2000); Baffin Island from Stuart et al. (2003) and Starkey et al. (2009); West Greenland from Graham et al. (1998) and Starkey et al. (2009); East Greenland from Peate et al. (2003).

### 4.3.2 Interpretation of helium isotope data

It is well known that *in vacuo* crushing of olivine from young volcanic rocks liberates magmatic He from CO<sub>2</sub> bubbles hosted in melt inclusions, and that radiogenic and cosmogenic He are left behind in the olivine lattice (Kurz, 1986). However, in order to establish that the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  measured in old volcanic rocks is a magmatic signal, it is necessary to rule out the possibility that cosmogenic or nucleogenic  $^3\text{He}$  production could have affected the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values.

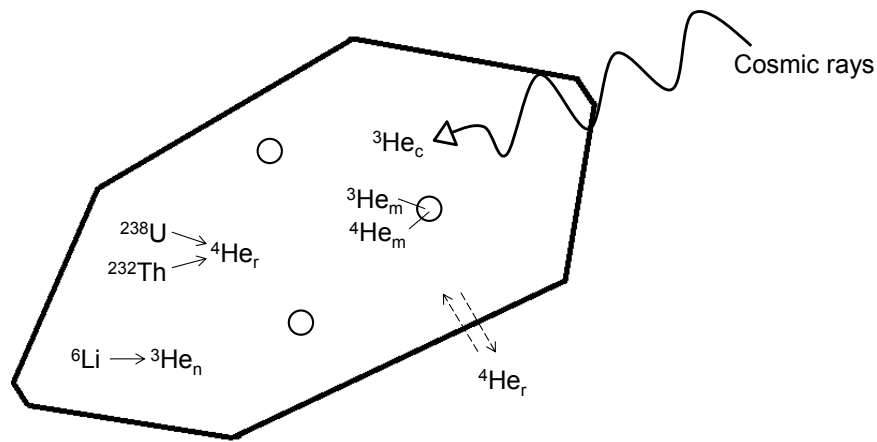


Figure 4.9: Different sources of helium in an olivine phenocryst exposed on the surface of the Earth to cosmic rays.  $^3\text{He}_m$  = magmatic  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}_m$  = magmatic  $^4\text{He}$ ,  $^3\text{He}_c$  = cosmogenic  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^3\text{He}_n$  = nucleogenic  $^3\text{He}$ ,  $^4\text{He}_r$  = radiogenic  $^4\text{He}$ . Modified from Blard and Farley (2008).

Figure 4.9 illustrates the potential sources of He to an olivine phenocryst in a volcanic rock exposed at the Earth's surface. Nucleogenic  $^3\text{He}$  can be produced in olivine by thermal neutron capture of  $^6\text{Li}$  (Aldrich and Nier, 1948), however, this has been shown not to be an important process in early NAIP basalts (Graham et al., 1998; Marty et al., 1998; Stuart et al., 2000). For example, Stuart et al. (2000) showed that for an olivine from a Skye basalt with a typical Li content of  $<2$  ppm, the amount of  $^3\text{He}$  produced would be over 20 times less than that released by crush extraction, and so is not considered to contribute to the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ratios.

Cosmogenic He (ca.  $71,500 R/R_a$ ) is produced by spallation reactions where cosmic rays interact with the nuclei of Si, O and Mg in rocks exposed on the

Earth's surface (Kurz, 1986). The BTIP samples from this study are exposed on the surface and therefore have potentially accumulated cosmogenic He. The Skye samples outcrop on a glacially smoothed slab in Coire Lagan. The corrie was occupied by a glacier during the Younger Dryas glacial event (Sissons, 1977). This event was abruptly terminated at 10.7 kya (Dansgaard et al., 1989). The Mull samples were last covered by ice during the Late Devensian glacial event, the maximum of which occurred around 22 ka (Bowen et al., 1988), although the ice sheets did not retreat until later, e.g. the ice had not retreated from northern Skye until 17.5 kya (Stone et al., 1998).

For basalts from northern Skye, Stuart et al. (2000) estimated that around 7 times the amount of  $^3\text{He}$  released from crushing of olivines could be produced by exposure to cosmic rays over 17.5 kyr, and could therefore account for high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  if the cosmogenic helium had diffused into the vapour inclusions. A similar amount of cosmogenic  $^3\text{He}$  as that in the northern Skye basalts has potentially been produced in the Mull samples, and slightly less for the Skye picrites from this study, since they have been exposed at the surface for less time. However, there is presently no evidence that cosmogenic He is released from old or young minerals unless the mineral is subjected to extreme crushing (Hilton et al., 1993). For example, no measurable cosmogenic  $^3\text{He}$  was detected after *in vacuo* crushing of olivine phenocrysts with over 180 kyr of exposure to cosmic rays (Harrop, 1996). The crystal lattice is the most likely location for cosmogenic He, and Stuart et al. (2000) measured the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of fused olivine powder post crushing (i.e. He stored in the crystal lattice) in their high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  ( $18.4 R/R_a$ ) sample that had been exposed for 17.5 ky. A ratio of  $0.82 R/R_a$  was measured, an order of magnitude lower than predicted for cosmic ray exposure for 17.5 kyr. Therefore, cosmogenic helium was not present in significant amounts, and the *in vacuo* crush extraction could not have been compromised by cosmogenic  $^3\text{He}$  contribution.  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values presented in this study are therefore not considered to have been contaminated with cosmogenic He.

The low  $R/R_a$  of olivine powders from crushing (e.g. Graham et al., 1998; Stuart et al., 2000, 2003) indicates that radiogenic He ingrowth from decay of U and Th dominates the olivine lattice. The highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values presented here should therefore be considered a minimum due to the possibility for diffusion of radiogenic He into melt inclusions. Additionally, preferential diffusional loss of

magmatic  $^3\text{He}$  and assimilation of melts with radiogenic He-bearing continental crust during their ascent will only serve to lower the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of olivines since crystallisation.

## 4.4 Synthesis

### 4.4.1 NAIP helium isotopes and temperature

A plot of Al-in-olivine temperature vs  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  for picrites across the NAIP is shown in Figure 4.10. The maximum  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of the Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites is almost twice that found in the BTIP picrites, however the Al-in-olivine data indicate that the maximum temperature anomaly present across the province was uniform. This suggests that absolute temperature and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  in start-up plume heads are decoupled. In Iceland, the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  come from Tertiary rocks that record the lowest temperatures measured in this study. Clearly, high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is not closely linked to absolute magmatic temperature. However, there is no need for  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  to correlate with temperature other than in very general terms. Helium diffusivity in the mantle is estimated to be in the order of  $10^{-10} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  (Hart et al., 2008) whilst thermal diffusivity in the mantle is several orders of magnitude lower, estimated to be  $\sim 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  in Mg-perovskite (Osako and Ito, 1991) and around  $10^{-7} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  in upper mantle rocks (Gibert et al., 2003). Over a timescale of 10 million years, helium is therefore able to diffuse in the order of several 100 m, while heat can diffuse over 10-100s of kilometres. It is therefore possible for temperature and helium to become decoupled very quickly during the lifetime of the plume.

The preserved  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly is greater at Baffin Island and West Greenland than at the BTIP. In order to determine why this is the case, it is necessary to consider the effects of contamination and degassing of magmatic He. At these locations, lavas were erupted onto Tertiary sediments through Precambrian basement, and so it is possible that they were contaminated with crustal material, however Starkey et al. (2009) ruled this out for the West Greenland and Baffin Island picrites. Ba/Zr of the BTIP picrites is plotted against MgO wt % in

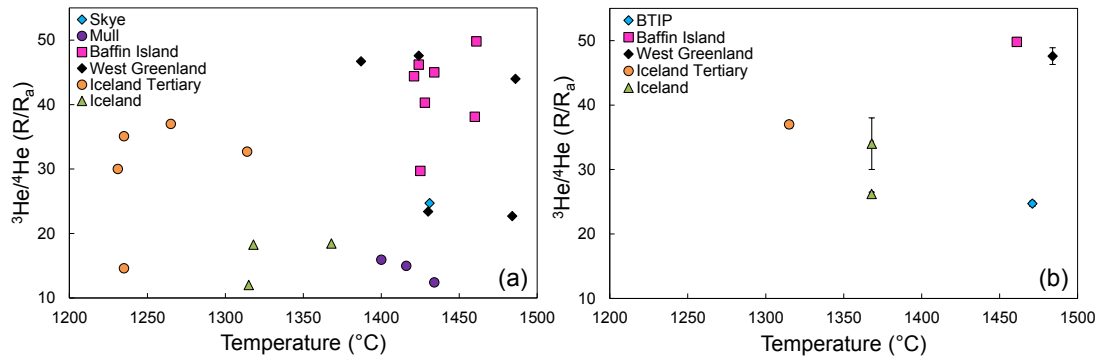


Figure 4.10: (a) Al-in-olivine temperature plotted against  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  for all samples with both helium isotope and Al-in-olivine temperature data. (b) Maximum Al-in-olivine temperature plotted against maximum  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  for the BTIP, Baffin Island, West Greenland, Tertiary Iceland and neovolcanic Iceland. The highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  measured from the neovolcanic zones of Iceland is  $34.3 R/R_a$  and has a high error of  $\pm 4 R/R_a$ , and so the next highest value of  $26.2 R/R_a$  is also shown.

Figure 4.11. The Lewisian crustal rocks forming the basement of NW Scotland are highly enriched in Ba with respect to Zr (Kerr et al., 1995) and so these ratios provide a useful index for crustal contamination. Kent and Fitton (2000) considered primitive BTIP lavas with  $\text{Ba}/\text{Zr} > 2$  to be contaminated. All of the BTIP picrites used in this study have  $\text{Ba}/\text{Zr} < 2$  (Figure 4.11), indicating that they have not been affected by crustal contamination and this therefore cannot explain the lower  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of BTIP lavas compared to Baffin Island and West Greenland. However, the very low  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of  $< 8 R/R_a$  of four of the Skye picrites indicates that they have preferentially lost  $^3\text{He}$  through degassing, which is in agreement with the observation that they contain the same amount of  $^4\text{He}$  as the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  sample (S8). It is not possible to determine how much  $^3\text{He}$  S8 (which has an  $R/R_a$  of 24.7) has lost (if any), and so it cannot be proved beyond doubt that the BTIP really did have a much lower  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly than at Baffin Island and West Greenland. On the other hand, it is worth noting that there are a very large number of Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  above  $30 R/R_a$ , and although this could be due to sampling bias, the lack of any samples from a variety of localities (Northern Ireland, Mull and two locations in Skye) in the BTIP with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  above  $25 R/R_a$  does seem to suggest that the magnitude of the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly was not as great here as it was close to the early plume axis. The Baffin Island samples in particular have a much higher overall helium concentration compared to those of the BTIP (Figure 4.8) which also suggests a higher He contribution from the plume to those

areas close to the plume axis. This pattern in  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values is observed at present day Iceland (Figure 4.12) where the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values are found closest to the current plume centre and in general, gradually decrease farther away (e.g. Kurz et al., 1985; Breddam et al., 2000; Hilton et al., 2000). On the other hand, helium concentrations generally decrease along the Reykjanes Ridge towards Iceland, however this has been attributed to low-pressure, pre-eruptive magmatic degassing due to shallow eruption depths (<1000 m) close to Iceland (Hilton et al., 2000).

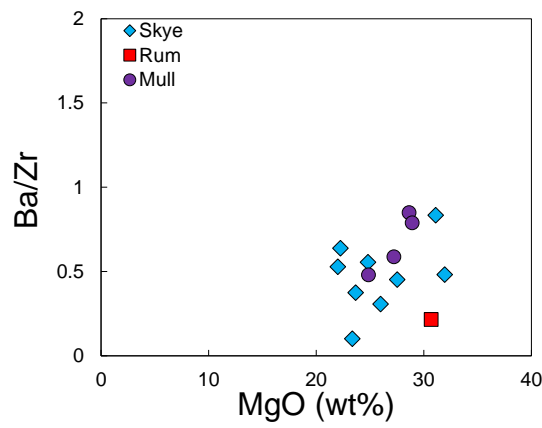


Figure 4.11: Ba/Zr of the BTIP picrites plotted against MgO wt %.

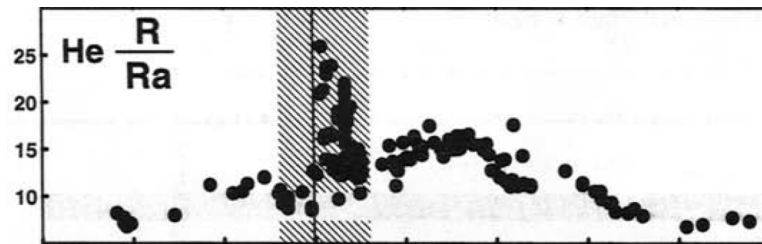


Figure 4.12: Variation in  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  along the Mid-Atlantic spreading axis. The hatched shaded area represents the extent of Iceland. The horizontal bar represents the range of values found in N-MORB away from the influence of mantle plumes. From Taylor et al. (1997).

Although a relationship between absolute crystallisation temperature and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is not apparent, in more general terms, basalts with high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  from the NAIP are more likely to have a depleted isotopic signature (low  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , high  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ) (Stuart et al., 2003; Ellam and Stuart, 2004; Macpherson et al.,

2005a; Starkey et al., 2009). This suggests a general relationship between temperature and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ . The highest temperature mantle in a mantle plume originates from the plume source (Griffiths and Campbell, 1990; Campbell, 2007), which has high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ , and so is most likely to undergo large degrees of partial melting, producing high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  basalts that heavily sample the depleted mantle source. This explains why most of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  basalts in the NAIP have depleted geochemical signatures. There are multiple exceptions to this rule however, and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  has not been found to correlate with any mantle isotopic or geochemical tracer. For example, Starkey et al. (2009) found several Baffin Island and West Greenland picrites to have  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of  $>40 R/R_a$ , but have enriched isotopic signatures (high  $^{87}\text{Sr}/^{86}\text{Sr}$ , low  $^{143}\text{Nd}/^{144}\text{Nd}$ ). During mantle melting, the enriched basalts represent the highest pressure, lowest degrees of melting. These melts can also carry the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature if their source mantle originates from the plume source, however they are less likely to reach the surface. Therefore, while  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is decoupled from any other mantle isotopic or geochemical tracer, high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is generally associated with depleted basalts because these are most likely to be formed by large-degree melting at shallow levels of hot material originating from the plume source.

#### 4.4.2 Mantle plumes and origin of the high $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ reservoir

The apparent decoupling of  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  from any other mantle tracer is consistent with the idea that the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir is not within the mantle and is diffused in from a discrete source. The fact that the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  on Earth are associated with a major mantle plume suggests that the reservoir is a deep layer beneath the mantle, which is supported by recent whole-mantle seismic imaging that indicates that plumes (including the Iceland plume) extend to the base of the lower mantle (French and Romanowicz, 2015). Consequently, the core-mantle boundary (CMB) (Samuel and Farnetani, 2003) or the core (Porcelli and Halliday, 2001) are the most likely candidates for the location of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir.

A convectively isolated layer, enriched in primordial volatiles with a high time-

integrated  ${}^3\text{He}(\text{U}+\text{Th})$  at the CMB is a possibility. It has been suggested that primordial volatiles may have come from subducted meteoritic material early in Earth's history (Tolstikhin and Hofmann, 2005), however likely loss of He during subduction poses some problems for this model (Hiyagon, 1994). Alternatively, it has been suggested that cumulates from a crystallizing early magma ocean may sink to produce a volatile-rich reservoir (Labrosse et al., 2007).

It has often been assumed that the partitioning of helium into liquid metal is negligible (e.g. Matsuda et al., 1993), and so the core has often been overlooked as a location for the high  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  reservoir. However, a recent experimental study based on helium partitioning between silicate melts and iron-rich liquids has shown this is not the case, and that significant quantities of He may reside in the core (Bouhifd et al., 2013b). The early core likely formed with a high He/U ratio because U is a highly lithophile element and does not appear to partition into the metal phase (Wheeler et al., 2006; Bouhifd et al., 2013a), hence it is possible that the core has retained a high  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  signature since its formation. Several studies have investigated the core as a potential source of high  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  material. Brandon et al. (1999) argued that Os isotopes from Hawaiian basalts provide evidence of the addition of core material, however this is not supported by W isotope anomalies (Scherstén et al., 2004). Os isotopes in high  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  basalts from Iceland (Brandon et al., 2007) and the near-chondritic Os isotope ratios of the Baffin Island and West Greenland basalts (Dale et al., 2009) do not indicate a contribution of core material. Therefore, if the core is the source of  ${}^3\text{He}$ , then He must be diffused across the CMB into the base of the mantle, and be decoupled from any other element transfer.

Overall, it appears that the high  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  signature of the NAIP has decreased through time (Figure 4.13).  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  up to  $50 R/R_a$  is detected in the earliest NAIP lavas (Stuart et al., 2003; Starkey et al., 2009).  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  up to  $37 R/R_a$  is found in 13-14 Ma Iceland picrites (Ellam and Stuart, 2004). The highest  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  detected from the neovolcanic zones of Iceland is  $34.3 R/R_a$  (Macpherson et al., 2005a) however this has a high error ( $\pm 4 R/R_a$ ) and is much higher than the next highest values which tend to converge around  $26 R/R_a$  (e.g. Kurz et al., 1985). In order to explain these observations, I suggest a scenario where helium with a high  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  signature is slowly diffused into the lower mantle from the core or the CMB and over millions of years, a high  ${}^3\text{He}/{}^4\text{He}$  signature is built



up. The helium diffuses into all mantle compositions that are present at the base of the mantle, whether depleted or enriched. A start-up plume rising from the base of the lower mantle samples the heterogeneous mantle with its inherited high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature.

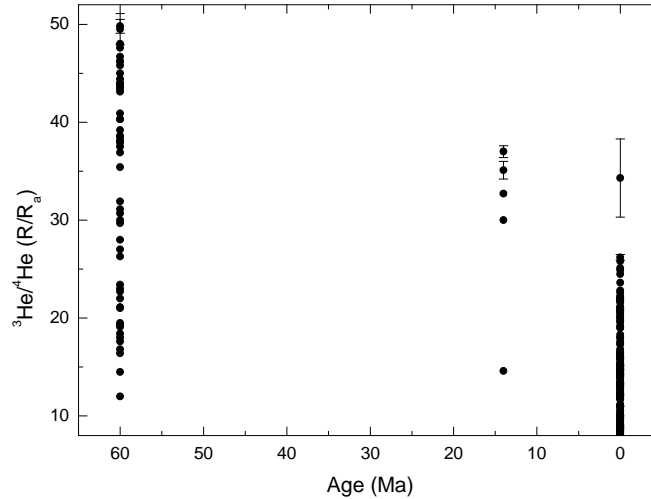


Figure 4.13:  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  through time for the NAIP

Over a timescale of 10 million years, helium can only diffuse by a few 100 m in the mantle. Since the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  anomaly associated with the Iceland plume is currently in the order of several 100 km, this suggests that the decreasing  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature of the NAIP through time is not due to diffusion of helium with a lower  $R/R_a$  from the surrounding ambient mantle. Instead, the low helium diffusion rate means that the helium from the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir cannot diffuse into the lower mantle plume source fast enough to replenish that removed by the plume. Over time, fluctuations in the mantle plume temperature can occur, however the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature of the plume gradually decreases. While high temperature plume-related provinces are generally associated with high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$ , this is because they originate from the same location at the base of the mantle and the relationship need not go further.

On this basis, low  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  plumes may be expected to originate from a shallower level in the mantle, such as the 670 km discontinuity. Recent whole-mantle seismic imaging suggests that many plumes extend to the CMB including those with low  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signatures (French and Romanowicz, 2015). The plumes that are imaged

to the CMB by French and Romanowicz (2015) and their maximum  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values are presented in Table 4.2. All of the plumes can be classed as high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  plumes (i.e. they have maximum  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values above that of MORB values) with the exception of the Canary, Comores, St Helenna, Tristan and Kerguelen plumes. The maximum  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values of basalts from Comores, St Helena, Tristan and Kerguelen are below that of MORB, and so it can be argued that these magmas are degassed and have lost their original magmatic  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature (e.g. Murphy et al., 2005). However, Canary Island lavas have  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values that span the MORB range and so may not be degassed. Instead, the low  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature could be due to a lack of high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  material at the plume source because helium has not been diffused into the base of the lower mantle at this location. The exact mechanism of helium diffusion at the base of the mantle is unknown, and so it is unclear why this might happen. Alternatively, the whole-mantle seismic imaging models produced by French and Romanowicz (2015) show ponding of low-velocity material beneath the Canary Islands at a depth of 1000 km (Figure 4.14), and so material from the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  plume source may simply not reach the melting zone in the upper mantle because it has been trapped at depth.

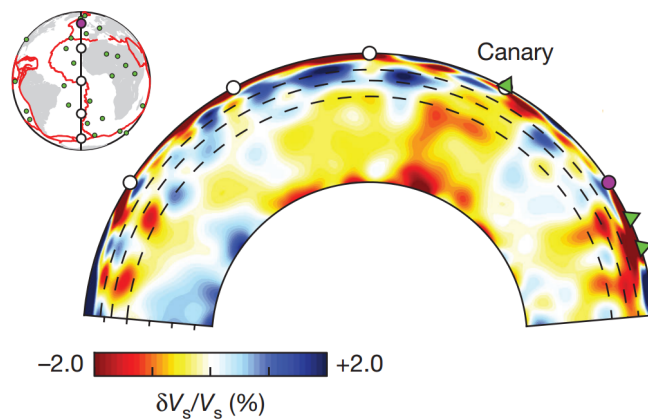


Figure 4.14: Whole-mantle depth cross-section of the mantle beneath the Canary Islands of relative shear velocity variations from the seismic imaging models of French and Romanowicz (2015). The model shows ponding of low-velocity material beneath 1000 km.

Estimates of the temperature of the base of the lower mantle and the top of the inner core suggest that a high heat flow occurs at the CMB arising from a large difference in temperature of 500-1800°C across a 200 km thermal boundary

Table 4.2: Plumes detected in the lower mantle extending to the CMB by French and Romanowicz (2015) and their maximum  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  values.

Hotspot name	Max $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$	$^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$	Data source
Afar	15.0	High	Hilton et al. (2011)
Canary	9.5	Low	Abedini et al. (2006)
Cape Verde	15.7	High	Abedini et al. (2006)
Comores	7.9	Low	Class et al. (2005)
Hawaii	31.9	High	Abedini et al. (2006)
Iceland	34.3	High	Abedini et al. (2006)
Macdonald	16.0	High	Moreira and Allegre (2004)
Marsqueses	11.8	High	Castillo et al. (2004)
Pitcairn	10.0	High	Abedini et al. (2006)
Samoa	34.0	High	Abedini et al. (2006)
Tahiti/Society	11.3	High	Abedini et al. (2006)
Caroline	no data available	?	
Easter	11.7	High	Poreda et al. (1993)
Galapagos	27.4	High	Abedini et al. (2006)
Louisville	no data available	?	
Reunion	14.3	High	Abedini et al. (2006)
St Helena	7.1	Low	Graham et al. (1992)
Tristan	6.3	Low	Abedini et al. (2006)
Kerguelen	6.2	Low	Abedini et al. (2006)

(Lay et al., 2008). This region is considered to be unstable (Campbell, 2007; Lay et al., 2008) and seismological, geodynamical and mineral physics observations suggest that it is chemically heterogeneous (Lay et al., 2008). Heat conducts non-uniformly across the CMB and is considered to vary both spatially and temporally in response to a variety of mantle processes (Lay et al., 2008; Zhang and Zhong, 2011; Biggin et al., 2012). Subduction is thought to increase CMB heat flow as downgoing slabs displace material ahead of them, resulting in the thinning of the thermal boundary layer (Steinberger and Torsvik, 2012). Accumulation of slabs in the transition zone followed by slab avalanche events (Machetel and Thomasot, 2002) could further enhance variations in CMB heat flow (Olson et al., 2013). It has even been suggested that CMB heat flow changes in response to plate tectonics and supercontinent cycles. On the basis of mantle convection and heat flux models, Zhang and Zhong (2011) argue that the relatively low CMB heat flux following the assembly of Pangea may be due to reduced subduction at this time and that the subsequent increase in heat flux at  $\sim 240$  Ma is explicable by enhanced subduction associated with the opening of the Tethys Ocean. Deep mantle plumes can also affect the local CMB heat flow as they remove hot material from the thermal boundary layer (Lay et al., 2008). Large thermochemical piles (piles of hot, dense material at the base of the mantle), possibly enriched in radiogenic material beneath Africa and the Pacific tend to insulate the core (Zhang and Zhong, 2011), and it is thought that the morphology and location of these piles oscillate in response to changes in the convective structure of the surrounding mantle (Yang and Fu, 2014). In addition, true polar wander (rotation of the Earth in respect to its spin axis in response to mantle density anomalies caused by convection) can result in a change of pattern of heat flow across the CMB.

The above processes are all interrelated elements of mantle convection (Tan et al., 2002; Steinberger and Torsvik, 2010, 2012), and given the ever-changing nature of plate tectonics and mantle processes, it is unsurprising that the heat flow at the CMB has been subject to large variations through time. If mantle plumes originate at the CMB as has been advocated here and by others (e.g. French and Romanowicz, 2015), it follows logically that the long-term fluctuations in the temperature of the Iceland plume measured here by Al-in-olivine thermometry reflect the temporal variations of heat flow at the CMB. In this case, the tem-

perature of the Iceland plume would be intricately linked to plate tectonics and mantle convection since these control the heat flux at the CMB. In this study, the difference between the maximum Phase 1 and Iceland Tertiary picrite  $T_{Al}$  (these samples represent the hottest and coolest periods respectively in the plume's history as measured by Al-in-olivine thermometry in this study) is  $\sim 180^\circ\text{C}$ . Since even small changes in mantle potential temperature can dramatically influence mantle melting (e.g. White and Lovell (1997) argued that an increase of  $50^\circ\text{C}$  would result in a 50% increase in the volume of basaltic crust generated at mid-ocean spreading ridges), changes in heat flux at the CMB, and therefore the global processes involved in mantle convection, exert an important control on melting dynamics at plume locations.

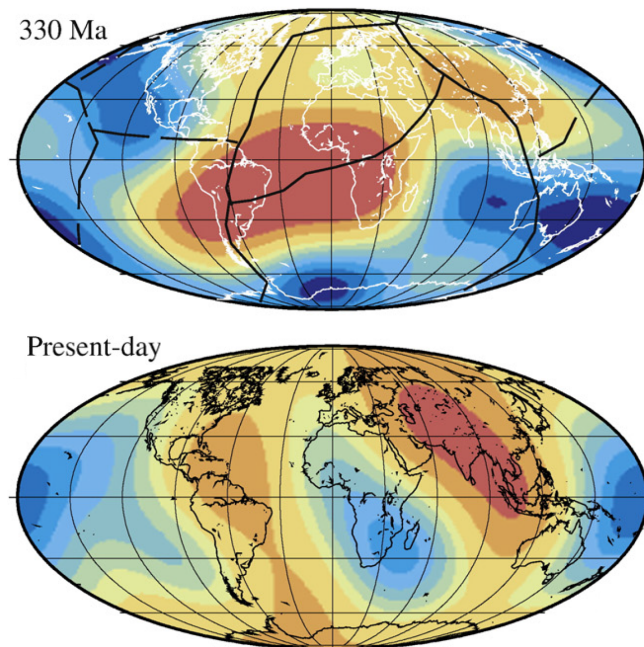


Figure 4.15: Snapshot of the CMB heat flux at 330 Ma and the present day produced by three-dimensional spherical models of mantle convection by Zhang and Zhong (2011). Blue areas represent areas of CMB heat flux whereas red areas represent areas of high heat flux. The locations of high and low CMB heat flux have changed dramatically through time.

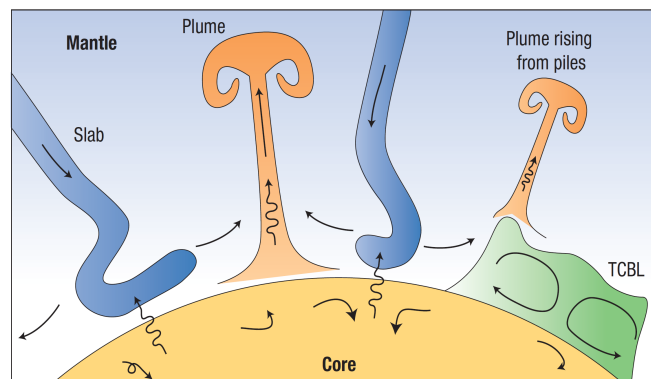


Figure 4.16: Heat flow components in the deep mantle that lead to non-uniform heat flow at the CMB. High heat flux occurs beneath cool, subducted slabs. Heat is lost when a buoyant plume rises through the mantle. A dense thermochemical boundary layer (TCBL) is swept into piles by mantle convection and may concentrate radiogenic heating, resulting in insulation of the core. These piles are thought to change in shape and location through time. From (Lay et al., 2008).

## 5 Conclusions and future work

### 5.1 Conclusions

The main purpose of this study was to investigate the relationship between temperature,  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and mantle melting dynamics within the NAIP, which is unique in the fact that it is the surface expression of a major mantle plume with a complete magmatic history. In order to achieve this, a suite of picrites and primitive basalts spanning the spatial and temporal range of the NAIP were examined. Each suite represents the most primitive, Mg-rich samples that are known from each location and are therefore most likely to be close in composition to primary mantle melts and record the highest temperatures. The suite comprises Phase 1 ( $\sim 62\text{-}58$  Ma) picrites from Skye, Mull, Rum, Baffin Island and West Greenland, which represent the earliest products of NAIP volcanism and the early plume-head stage of volcanic activity. The Baffin Island and West Greenland samples have the highest  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  yet found in volcanic rocks on Earth, up to  $50 R/R_a$ . A suite of picrites with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  up to  $37 R/R_a$  representing some of the oldest rocks on Iceland (13-14 Ma) and zero-age picrites and primitive basalts from the active neovolcanic zones of Iceland were also included.

The magmatic temperature of the samples was determined using three different methods, the traditional method of olivine-melt thermometry of Putirka et al. (2007), which estimates the temperature at which olivine equilibrated with melt ( $T_{OL}$ ), PRIMELT3 (Herzberg and Asimow, 2015), which is a forward mantle melting model and also calculates  $T_{OL}$ , and the newly developed Al-in-olivine thermometer (Wan et al., 2008; Coogan et al., 2014), which calculates the temperature of Al exchange between equilibrium olivine and Cr-spinel pairs ( $T_{Al}$ ). This study is the first work to compare all three techniques in detail. PRIMELT3 filters for processes in the melt system that may result in an overestimation of primary melt MgO, and hence,  $T_{OL}$ . Only six of the thirty six NAIP sam-

ples were not filtered, suggesting that processes that increase the primary melt MgO such as advanced fractional melting and high-pressure augite fractionation are actually commonplace during mantle melting. PRIMELT3 is therefore not universally applicable to primitive basalts. This also poses a problem for olivine-melt thermometry as it is dependent on an estimate of the MgO content of the primary magma, and hence will lead to an overestimate in  $T_{OL}$ . For the six samples that were not filtered by PRIMELT3, there is a large discrepancy between the calculated temperatures using olivine-melt thermometry and the Al-in-olivine thermometer. The olivine-melt thermometry  $T_{OL}$  results are up to 183°C higher than  $T_{Al}$ . To address this problem, olivine-melt thermometry was carried out on the melting experiments performed by Wan et al. (2008) as these experiments were done at a known pressure and temperature. It was found that olivine-melt thermometry overestimated the temperature by around 50°C in experiments run at or above 1350°C, which is likely to be due to an inaccuracy in the calibration of the Putirka et al. (2007) olivine-melt thermometer. Olivine-melt thermometry requires assumptions to be made about the melting conditions, and an estimate of the pressure of olivine-melt equilibrium is particularly important, because it controls the value of  $K_D(\text{Fe-Mg})^{ol-liq}$ , the olivine-melt Fe-Mg exchange coefficient. In the olivine-melt thermometry calculations, an olivine-melt equilibrium pressure of 3 GPa was assumed on the basis of work from previous studies. However, it was found that  $T_{OL}$  becomes comparable with  $T_{Al}$  when the 50°C overestimate of the Putirka et al. (2007) thermometer is combined with a decrease in olivine-melt equilibrium pressure of 1-2 GPa.

On the basis of these results, the Al-in-olivine thermometer appears to be the far more robust technique for calculating crystallisation temperatures and is likely to become the method of choice for petrographic temperature estimation of primitive rocks in the future. It can be applied universally to primitive rocks and is free of many of the problems associated with traditional olivine-melt thermometry as it appears to be unaffected by pressure changes within the upper mantle range and is not dependent on an estimate of the primary magma composition which can be affected by a variety of processes within the melt system.

The results from the Al-in-olivine thermometer calculations indicate that the temperature of the mantle plume now underlying Iceland has fluctuated on a timescale of  $10^7$  years, which has had profound effects on the melting dynam-



ics and seafloor topography of the region. The early stage of volcanic activity associated with the arrival of the ancestral Iceland plume head resulted in a uniform temperature anomaly across an area 2000 km in diameter, with  $T_{Al}$  of early NAIP picrites 250-300°C above that of average MORB. The temperature of the plume head then began to cool, however it was still high enough for thick oceanic crust without fracture zones to be produced across the entire North Atlantic Ocean basin when sea-floor spreading began between Greenland and NW Europe at 55 Ma. The plume continued to cool until 40-35 Ma, resulting in the rapid northwards migration of the smooth-to-rough oceanic crust boundary, and a large decrease in the volume of magmatic flux produced, which resulted in the narrowing of the Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe Ridge hotspot trail and a dramatic decrease in the thickness of oceanic crust generated across the region. The subsequent increase in temperature since 40-35 Ma has resulted in higher melt production, causing a significant expansion in the size of the Greenland-Iceland-Faeroe Ridge into a large oceanic basalt plateau, the subaerial extent of which, represents Iceland. The Al-in-olivine data indicate that there has been a 50°C increase in the temperature of the plume since 13-14 Ma. The increasing temperature of the plume has also resulted in the gradual migration southwards of the smooth-to-rough oceanic crust boundary away from Iceland and a change in the incompatible element composition of basalts erupted on the Reykjanes Ridge spreading axis.

An important feature of mantle plumes is their high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  signature. Much work has focussed on identifying the location of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir, however  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is not found to correlate with any mantle isotopic or geochemical tracer and so  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and its relationship with mantle plumes has remained enigmatic. One of the aims of this study was to identify whether a relationship between temperature and  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  exists. Using the Al-in-olivine data, no clear relationship between  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  and temperature is observable. It is noted, however, that the maximum  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of primitive basalts from the NAIP has decreased through time. On this basis, a model has been put forward where the location of the high  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  reservoir is either the CMB or the core itself, which is supported by recent whole-mantle seismic imaging that shows the Iceland mantle plume extending to the base of the mantle (French and Romanowicz, 2015). It is proposed that  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is diffused into the base of the heterogeneous lower mantle

and is decoupled from any other element transfer.  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  is incorporated into a plume when heated lower mantle breaks away and rises through the mantle. Over time, the  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  source is gradually depleted, and because the diffusion of helium within the mantle is much slower than temperature, they become rapidly decoupled. The temperature of the plume can vary independently in response to changes in heat flow at the CMB, which is in turn related to changes in mantle convection. Global plate tectonics and mantle processes are therefore intricately linked with melting dynamics at hotspot locations and LIPs such as the NAIP.

## 5.2 Further work

In the NAIP picrites, the Al-in-olivine thermometer often records a substantial range in temperature within a single sample. I have argued that this reflects the decompression path of the melts where ‘hotter’ olivines represent those that crystallized at higher pressures when compared to the ‘cooler’ olivines. In theory, this hypothesis could be tested by studying the melt inclusions hosted in the respective olivines. Melting at high pressures will produce smaller degrees of melting compared to melts that are formed after substantial decompression to shallow levels. Therefore, melt inclusions trapped within the ‘hot and deep’ olivines should have a higher concentration of incompatible elements compared to melt inclusions trapped in ‘cold and shallow’ olivines that represent larger degree melts. The melt inclusions trapped within the ‘hottest’ olivines may also be close to the primary magma composition. If this is proven to be the case, crystallization depths could be estimated simply by applying a liquid adiabatic gradient between the hottest and coolest olivine crystals from within one sample/suite. The Al-in-olivine thermometer would then become a very powerful tool for petrologists as it would be possible to estimate both the mantle temperature (to within a few tens of degrees) and the depth of melting/crystallization, the latter of which often represents a large source of uncertainty in mantle melting models.

The Al-in-olivine thermometer has so far been applied only to a small number of samples from LIP settings. A valuable follow-up study would be to apply the Al-in-olivine thermometer to primitive samples associated with mantle plumes that have been studied by olivine-melt thermometry. In particular, it would be worth

using the Al-in-olivine thermometer to calculate the  $T_{Al}$  of the Hawaiian picrites used in the Putirka et al. (2007) study. Using olivine-melt thermometry, the Hawaiian picrites were calculated to have a  $T_{OL}$  of 1625°C, which corresponds to an extraordinarily high mantle  $T_p$  of 1720°C. The Hawaiian picrites were filtered by PRIMELT3 for high-pressure clinopyroxene fractionation, which is likely to have increased the MgO of the primary melt, and hence, enhanced the thermal anomaly calculated by olivine-melt thermometry. Application of Al-in-olivine thermometry could confirm that the  $T_{OL}$  at Hawaii calculated by Putirka et al. (2007) are too high. It would also be a worthwhile exercise to calculate the  $T_{Al}$  of ultra-magnesian olivines from the Etendeka Province of Namibia. Thompson and Gibson (2000) used olivine melt thermometry to infer a primary magma composition of 24 wt % and a mantle  $T_p$  of 1680°C. However, Keiding et al. (2011) noted that the melt inclusions of the ultra-magnesian olivines contained up to 17.5 wt % MgO, suggesting a much lower mantle  $T_p$  of 1520°C. In this case, Keiding et al. (2011) argue that the ultra-magnesian olivines were formed by advanced fractional melts. By applying the Al-in-olivine thermometer, it would be possible to determine which scenario is correct.

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# Appendix A. Viscosity results

Table A.1: Experimental conditions, parameters and results from the fayalite melt viscosity measurements

Run	$P$ GPa	$T$ °C	$d_s$ $\mu\text{m}$	$W$	$E$	$v$	$\rho_s$ $\text{mm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$	$\rho_l$ $\text{mm}\cdot\text{s}^{-1}$	$\eta$ mPa.s	$\eta$ error %
A5	$2.0 \pm 0.5$	$1350 \pm 70$	$174 \pm 2$	$0.675 \pm 0.003$	$1.065 \pm 0.011$	$3.7 \pm 0.1$	$22.54 \pm 0.15$	$3.94 \pm 0.05$	$52.1 \pm 2.8$	8.8
A8	$9.2 \pm 0.6$	$1850 \pm 95$	$185 \pm 2$	$0.656 \pm 0.008$	$1.069 \pm 0.013$	$7.2 \pm 0.1$	$24.28 \pm 0.08$	$4.64 \pm 0.05$	$31.3 \pm 2.7$	5.4
A10	$3.6 \pm 0.5$	$1550 \pm 80$	$171 \pm 2$	$0.680 \pm 0.006$	$1.064 \pm 0.012$	$5.1 \pm 0.2$	$23.07 \pm 0.11$	$4.09 \pm 0.05$	$38.3 \pm 3.7$	8.6
A12	$6.3 \pm 0.5$	$1600 \pm 80$	$185 \pm 2$	$0.657 \pm 0.006$	$1.069 \pm 0.012$	$6.4 \pm 0.2$	$23.80 \pm 0.06$	$4.39 \pm 0.05$	$34.7 \pm 2.7$	9.5
B7	$4.3 \pm 0.5$	$1640 \pm 80$	$108 \pm 2$	$0.794 \pm 0.004$	$1.040 \pm 0.011$	$2.3 \pm 0.1$	$23.30 \pm 0.08$	$4.16 \pm 0.05$	$41.0 \pm 3.6$	7.6
B11	$3.8 \pm 0.5$	$1600 \pm 80$	$133 \pm 2$	$0.748 \pm 0.003$	$1.049 \pm 0.011$	$3.2 \pm 0.1$	$23.16 \pm 0.10$	$4.11 \pm 0.05$	$41.0 \pm 2.8$	8.8
B13	$5.1 \pm 0.5$	$1650 \pm 85$	$173 \pm 2$	$0.676 \pm 0.003$	$1.065 \pm 0.011$	$5.3 \pm 0.2$	$23.50 \pm 0.08$	$4.25 \pm 0.05$	$37.6 \pm 2.3$	6.7
B14	$2.8 \pm 0.5$	$1570 \pm 80$	$155 \pm 2$	$0.708 \pm 0.003$	$1.058 \pm 0.011$	$4.0 \pm 0.2$	$22.86 \pm 0.12$	$3.99 \pm 0.05$	$42.0 \pm 3.7$	8.9
B17	$1.3 \pm 0.5$	$1580 \pm 80$	$183 \pm 2$	$0.659 \pm 0.003$	$1.069 \pm 0.011$	$4.0 \pm 0.2$	$22.24 \pm 0.22$	$3.80 \pm 0.05$	$51.9 \pm 4.0$	7.6

# Appendix B. Analytical set-ups

## B.1 Whole-rock major and trace element analysis: (XRF) spectrometry

Whole-rock major and trace element analyses were determined using X-ray fluorescence (XRF) spectrometry at the University of Edinburgh. The techniques used are similar to those described by Fitton et al. (1998), with modifications noted by Fitton and Godard (2004).

The rock samples from Skye, Mull, Rum and Iceland were prepared into powder at the university of Edinburgh. Weathered surfaces, veins and altered areas were removed using a diamond-bladed mechanical rock saw. Samples were then crushed to a coarse grit (<2 mm) in a jaw crusher with tungsten carbide plates. Portions of the crushed rock were separated and powdered in tungsten carbide barrels.

Major-element concentrations were determined after fusion with a lithium borate flux containing  $\text{La}_2\text{O}_3$  as a heavy absorber, by a method similar to that developed by Norrish and Hutton (1969). Rock powder was dried at 110 °C for at least 1 hour, and a nominal but precisely-weighed 1-g aliquot ignited at 1100 °C to determine loss on ignition (LOI). The residue was then mixed with Johnson Matthey Spectroflux<sup>TM</sup> 105 in a sample:flux ratio of 1:5, based on the unignited sample mass, and fused in a muffle furnace in a Pt5% Au crucible. After the initial fusion, the crucible was reweighed and any flux weight loss was made up with extra flux. After a second fusion over a Meker burner, the molten mixture was swirled several times to ensure homogeneity, cast onto a graphite mold, and flattened with an aluminium plunger into a thin disk. The mold and plunger were maintained at a temperature of 220°C on a hotplate.

Trace-element concentrations were determined on pressed-powder samples. Eight grams of rock powder were mixed thoroughly with eight drops of a 2% aqueous solution of polyvinyl alcohol. The mixture was loaded into a 40-mm diameter aluminium cup in a stainless steel die and compressed against a polished tungsten carbide disc in a hydraulic press at 0.6 tons/cm<sup>2</sup>.

The fused and pressed samples were analyzed using a Philips PW 2404 automatic X-ray fluorescence spectrometer with a Rh-anode X-ray tube. Trace-element background positions were placed as close as possible to peaks, and long count times were used at both peak and background positions. Where background count rates were measured on either side of the peak, as in most trace-element determinations, the count time was divided between the two positions. Analytical conditions are given in Fitton et al. (1998) and Fitton and Godard (2004).

Corrections for matrix effects on the intensities of major-element lines were made using theoretical alpha coefficients calculated on-line using the Philips software. The coefficients were calculated to allow for the amount of extra flux replacing volatile components in the sample so that analytical totals should be 100% less the measured LOI. Intensities of the longer wavelength trace-element lines (La, Ce, Nd, Cu, Ni, Co, Cr, V, Ba, and Sc) were corrected for matrix effects using alpha coefficients based on major-element concentrations measured at the same time on the powder samples. Matrix corrections were applied to the intensities of the other trace-element lines by using the count rate from the RhK<sub>α</sub> Compton scatter line as an internal standard (Reynolds, 1963). Line-overlap corrections were applied using synthetic standards.

The spectrometer was calibrated against USGS and CRPG geochemical reference standards using the values given by Govindaraju (1994). Excellent calibration lines were obtained using these standards. Analytical precision and accuracy are comparable to the values reported by Fitton et al. (1998) and Fitton and Godard (2004). Four USGS geostandards were analysed along with the Skye, Mull, Rum and Iceland samples (Table B.1). The acquired values display excellent correlation with certified values of Govindaraju (1994).

Table B.1: Trace element concentrations in international standards measured at the University of Edinburgh by XRF compared with recommended values. R = recommended values from Govindaraju (1994). E = Mean and standard deviation of six measurements determined at the University of Edinburgh in this study.

	BCR			BEN			BHVO-1			BIR		
	R	E	1 $\sigma$	R	E	1 $\sigma$	R	E	1 $\sigma$	R	E	1 $\sigma$
<b>Zn</b>	129.5	125.1	0.28	120.0	131.8	1.21	105.0	103.7	0.26	71.0	66.7	0.43
<b>Cu</b>	19.0	19.9	0.25	72.0	77.0	0.56	136.0	134.3	0.26	126.0	126.8	0.09
<b>Ni</b>	13.0	16.0	0.29	267.0	276.7	2.26	121.0	118.4	0.65	166.0	156.0	0.53
<b>Cr</b>	16.0	6.0	0.54	360.0	378.0	1.15	289.0	286.7	0.92	382.0	372.4	0.53
<b>V</b>	407.0	395.8	2.30	235.0	251.6	2.08	317.0	312.8	2.34	313.0	309.7	1.25
<b>Ba</b>	681.0	679.4	3.61	1025.0	1037.5	5.95	139.0	124.7	1.55	7.0	5.6	0.26
<b>Sc</b>	32.6	30.8	0.25	22.0	25.1	0.81	31.8	33.1	0.48	44.0	41.0	0.24
<b>La</b>	24.9	23.5	0.22	82.0	83.2	0.51	15.8	12.1	0.09	0.6	-	-
<b>Ce</b>	53.7	53.3	0.69	152.0	156.3	1.00	39.0	37.5	1.27	2.0	-	-
<b>Nd</b>	28.8	28.8	0.17	67.0	66.3	0.05	25.2	24.8	0.49	2.5	4.4	0.50
<b>U</b>	1.8	2.5	0.12	2.4	2.9	0.21	0.4	0.8	0.33	0.0	0.4	0.33
<b>Th</b>	6.0	5.9	0.43	10.4	11.8	0.41	1.1	0.8	0.14	0.0	-	-
<b>Pb</b>	13.6	14.0	0.45	4.0	4.3	0.19	2.6	2.5	0.25	3.0	3.6	0.29
<b>Nb</b>	14.0	12.9	0.05	105.0	117.8	0.17	19.0	19.3	0.05	0.6	0.7	0.08
<b>Zr</b>	190.0	191.1	0.31	260.0	270.4	0.98	179.0	172.9	0.45	15.5	16.5	0.17
<b>Y</b>	38.0	37.8	0.17	30.0	29.9	0.05	27.6	27.1	0.00	16.0	16.2	0.08
<b>Sr</b>	330.0	331.2	0.22	1370.0	1387.8	1.79	403.0	389.3	0.45	108.0	107.2	0.25
<b>Rb</b>	47.2	47.9	0.21	47.0	48.1	0.26	11.0	9.8	0.42	0.3	0.7	0.12

## B.2 Mineral compositions: EPMA

Samples were prepared as carbon-coated polished thin sections for major element analysis of olivine and Cr-spinel compositions using electron microprobe analysis (EPMA). The analyses were performed on a Cameca SX100 electron microprobe at the Edinburgh Materials and Micro-Analysis Centre (EMMAC), University of Edinburgh with the assistance of Dr. Chris Hayward. Analyses were carried out in wavelength-dispersive (WDS) mode with an accelerating voltage of 15 keV on five spectrometers: PET, LLIF, LPET, TAP, LTAP. Primary standards for the EPMA calibration of major elements in both phases were as follows: Mg-K $\alpha$  and Si-K $\alpha$  on forsterite, Fe-K $\alpha$  on fayalite, Na-K $\alpha$  on jadeite-BL7, Al-K $\alpha$  on spinel-BL8, P-K $\alpha$  on P K4, Ca-K $\alpha$  on wollastonite-BL8, Ti-K $\alpha$  on rutile-BL8, Mn-K $\alpha$ , Ni-K $\alpha$  and Cr-K $\alpha$  on pure metals. The composition of each standard is presented in Table B.2. Two column conditions were used, condition 1: 15 keV 4 nA, condition 2: 15 keV 100 nA. Condition 1 was used to analyse Na, Mg, Fe and Si. Condition 2 was used to analyse P, Ca, Ti, Mn, Ni and Al. A beam size of 1  $\mu$ m was used in all analyses.

Table B.2: Compositions of the primary standards used in the EPMA analyses expressed as atomic wt%.

<b>Forsterite</b>	O : 45.5%, Mg : 34.5%, Si : 20.%
<b>Fayalite</b>	Fe : 54.81%, Si : 13.78%, O : 31.41%
<b>Jadeite-BL7</b>	Na : 11.34%, Al : 13.23%, Si : 27.78%, Fe : 0.17%, O : 47.65%
<b>Spinel-BL8</b>	Mg : 17.08%, Al : 37.93%, O : 44.99%
<b>P K4</b>	O : 38.77%, F : 3.53%, Na : 0.17%, Si : 0.16%, P : 17.8%, Cl : 0.41%, Ca : 38.61%, Sr : 0.06%, Ce : 0.85%
<b>Wollastonite-BL8</b>	Mg : 0.17%, Al : 0.03%, Si : 24.%, Ca : 34.32%, Mn : 0.05%, Fe : 0.28%, O : 41.37%
<b>Rutile-BL8</b>	Ti : 59.34%, O : 39.89%, Mg : 0.01%, Fe : 0.59%, Nb : 0.17%

Detection limits were calculated from count rates by the Cameca EPMA software. In order to carry out Al-in-olivine thermometry, a high precision measurement of the olivine Al-content is required. Al was measured with a TAP crystal. The analyses were carried out over several sessions. The first set were carried out on the Skye samples with a maximum detection limit of 75 ppm  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  in olivine. During subsequent analyses, the detection limit was lowered to a minimum of 28 ppm by increasing the count time. The maximum detection limit for each sample suite is as follows: 75 ppm for Skye, 58 ppm for Rum and neovolcanic Iceland, 39 ppm for Iceland Tertiary and Mull and 30 ppm for Baffin Island and West Greenland. Average detection limits for all oxides and count times for olivine and Cr-spinel are presented in Tables B.3 and B.4, respectively. The average detection limit for two samples is given, S1, which was analysed in the first session, and 354754, which was analysed in the last session once the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  detection limit had been reduced to 28-30 ppm. In both cases, the uncertainty in the  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  measurement is within those reported by Wan et al. (2008), and therefore the error in the Al-in-olivine thermometer temperature calculation includes the uncertainty arising from the precision of the olivine  $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3$  measurement. One analysis of each olivine and Cr-spinel pair was taken. The olivine spot was taken at least 100  $\mu\text{m}$  from the Cr-spinel grain.

Table B.3: Average detection limits in wt% for olivine analyses in samples S1 and 354754. Average count times are also shown. n.d. = not determined.

Sample	NaO	MgO	FeO	SiO <sub>2</sub>	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Count time (s)
<b>S1</b>	0.035	0.038	0.157	0.089	0.007	0.007	0.008	0.032	0.029	0.007	n.d.	344
<b>354754</b>	0.004	0.038	0.180	0.087	0.007	0.005	0.005	0.018	0.020	0.003	0.008	514



Table B.4: Average detection limits in wt% for Cr-spinel analyses in samples S1 and 354754. Average count times are also shown.

Sample	MgO	FeO	SiO <sub>2</sub>	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	ZnO	Count time (s)
<b>S1</b>	0.005	0.187	0.006	0.004	0.044	0.033	0.026	0.051	0.284	0.043	432
<b>354754</b>	0.004	0.233	0.005	0.004	0.048	0.024	0.022	0.053	0.266	0.038	465

### B.3 Helium isotopes

Helium isotope analyses were carried out at the Noble Gas Laboratory at the Scottish Universities Environmental Research Centre (SUERC), East Kilbride. Olivine phenocrysts were separated from coarsely crushed rock by picking under binocular microscope. Care was taken to select fresh phenocrysts unaffected by alteration without any adhering basalt matrix. Approximately 1 g of olivine phenocrysts from each sample were picked. The samples were cleaned ultrasonically in acetone for 15 minutes and then rinsed in de-ionised water.

The olivine phenocrysts were crushed *in vacuo* in order to be analysed. Approximately 1 g of olivine was loaded into 25 mm diameter stainless steel pots with two layers of crystals separated by 2 mm thick stainless steel plates. The pots were loaded into the multi-sample hydraulic crusher and the samples were crushed between 500 and 2000 psi. Crushing was ceased before the crystals were reduced to powder in order to prevent the release of lattice-stored He. Before releasing the crush gas into the mass spectrometer, the gas was cleaned for 15 minutes by two SAES GP50 getters at 250°C to remove the active gases and then by one activated charcoal cold finger cooled to 77 K by liquid nitrogen to remove the heavy gases. Another SAES GP50 getter at room temperature and a second cold finger were used to minimise the partial pressure of the residual gases during analysis.

Helium isotope ratios were determined in a Helix SFT mass spectrometer at SUERC. <sup>3</sup>He was measured by a secondary electron multiplier. <sup>4</sup>He was measured on a Faraday cup. Procedural blanks were measured prior to the first crush analysis of each batch and strategically between samples in order to assess the potential for increased blank-level due to insufficient pump time between analyses or the potential for ‘memory-effect’ in the mass spectrometer itself. Helium

isotope abundances were calculated by peak height comparison to pipettes of  $2.9 \times 10^{12}$  atoms of helium from an artificial standard (He Standard of Japan) with  $^3\text{He}/^4\text{He}$  of  $20.63 \pm 0.10$  relative to the air value ( $R/R_a$ ) of  $1.4 \times 10^{-6}$  (Matsuda et al., 2002).

# Appendix C. Sample list and locations

Table C.1: Sample list and locations of BTIP samples.

Sample	Location	Grid Reference
<b>S1</b>	Skye	NG 4428 2081
<b>S2</b>	Skye	NG 4433 2082
<b>S3</b>	Skye	NG 4438 2083
<b>S5</b>	Skye	NG 4434 2077
<b>S6</b>	Skye	NG 4429 2079
<b>S7</b>	Skye	NG 4426 2089
<b>S8</b>	Skye	NG 4429 2090
<b>S9</b>	Skye	NG 4437 2084
<b>S10</b>	Skye	NG 4432 2072
<b>R10</b>	Rum	NM 3762 9784
<b>M9</b>	Rum	NM 351 983
<b>MU1.1</b>	Mull	NM 6669 2401
<b>MU1.2</b>	Mull	NM 6636 2421
<b>MU2.2</b>	Mull	NM 6453 2502
<b>MU3.1</b>	Mull	NM 5861 2720

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Table C.2: Sample list and locations of Baffin Island, West Greenland and Iceland samples.

<b>Sample</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
<b>PAD4</b>	Baffin Island	67.17	-62.44
<b>PAD5</b>	Baffin Island	67.17	-62.44
<b>PAD6</b>	Baffin Island	67.17	-62.45
<b>DUR6</b>	Baffin Island	67.08	-62.22
<b>DUR8</b>	Baffin Island	67.07	-62.19
<b>APO4</b>	Baffin Island	66.93	-61.74
<b>APO7</b>	Baffin Island	66.93	-61.74
<b>138345</b>	West Greenland	70.13	-53.27
<b>340740</b>	West Greenland	70.33	52.98
<b>354754</b>	West Greenland	70.49	53.29
<b>362077</b>	West Greenland	70.49	53.57
<b>400230</b>	West Greenland	70.59	53.11
<b>I1</b>	Iceland (RVZ)	63.82	-22.71
<b>I2</b>	Iceland (RVZ)	63.82	-22.64
<b>I3</b>	Iceland (RVZ)	63.86	-22.35
<b>I5</b>	Iceland (EVZ)	64.14	-19.80
<b>I6</b>	Iceland (EVZ)	64.12	-19.94
<b>I7</b>	Iceland (NVZ)	65.74	-16.96
<b>I8</b>	Iceland (NVZ)	65.82	-16.92
<b>I9</b>	Iceland (NVZ)	65.96	-17.08
<b>VEY</b>	Iceland (NW)	65.84	-23.25
<b>SD</b>	Iceland (NW)	65.79	-24.00
<b>ED</b>	Iceland (NW)	65.96	-23.32
<b>VP1</b>	Iceland (E)	65.75	-14.83
<b>KoP</b>	Iceland (NW)	65.80	-24.09
<b>SAU3199</b>	Iceland (NW)	65.39	-21.19

# Appendix D. Whole-rock compositions

## D.1 Major elements

Table D.1: Major element abundances (wt%) for BTIP and Iceland samples determined by XRF. The Iceland Tertiary data are from Hardarson and Fitton (unpublished data). Major elements are recalculated to 100% on a volatile free basis.

Sample	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	Total	LOI
<b>S1</b>	44.37	9.69	10.50	25.98	7.65	0.76	0.04	0.46	0.16	0.04	99.66	1.88
<b>S2</b>	43.87	7.63	10.32	31.94	5.28	0.24	0.08	0.33	0.16	0.03	99.88	5.86
<b>S3</b>	44.75	10.57	10.56	23.34	8.52	1.26	0.12	0.50	0.16	0.05	99.84	2.22
<b>S5</b>	44.38	9.10	10.67	27.52	6.90	0.64	0.07	0.42	0.16	0.04	99.89	3.03
<b>S6</b>	43.45	7.56	10.87	31.11	5.73	0.32	0.05	0.36	0.17	0.03	99.65	5.69
<b>S7</b>	44.71	9.53	11.04	24.80	7.63	0.84	0.11	0.65	0.16	0.05	99.54	2.17
<b>S8</b>	45.16	10.16	11.07	23.66	8.01	0.82	0.11	0.68	0.16	0.05	99.88	1.94
<b>S9</b>	45.45	10.56	10.97	22.25	8.46	0.82	0.27	0.64	0.17	0.05	99.64	2.43
<b>S10</b>	45.26	10.85	10.80	22.00	9.12	0.67	0.16	0.59	0.17	0.05	99.67	2.34
<b>R10</b>	42.38	7.31	12.12	30.69	5.44	0.95	0.05	0.59	0.17	0.05	99.75	2.04
<b>MU1.1</b>	44.97	9.73	10.74	24.85	8.08	0.87	0.08	0.53	0.16	0.04	100.06	1.72
<b>MU1.2</b>	44.08	8.93	10.27	28.62	6.85	0.75	0.09	0.39	0.16	0.03	100.17	2.16
<b>MU2.2</b>	44.30	9.38	10.24	27.22	7.46	0.81	0.13	0.44	0.16	0.04	100.18	1.94
<b>MU3.1</b>	44.25	8.23	10.82	28.91	6.52	0.84	0.14	0.46	0.16	0.04	100.37	1.47
<b>I1</b>	48.73	14.42	13.51	7.14	11.68	1.97	0.16	1.55	0.21	0.15	99.52	-0.67
<b>I2</b>	44.45	9.10	9.85	27.52	7.81	0.70	0.00	0.25	0.15	0.02	99.86	-0.56
<b>I3</b>	48.77	14.72	11.09	10.56	13.05	1.42	0.06	0.75	0.18	0.07	100.66	-0.62
<b>I5</b>	44.43	8.09	12.01	26.20	7.58	0.97	0.04	1.01	0.19	0.10	100.62	0.88
<b>I6</b>	48.38	11.02	13.29	16.56	7.99	1.91	0.33	1.73	0.20	0.21	101.63	0.36
<b>I7</b>	48.86	15.21	10.85	10.34	12.57	1.61	0.08	0.75	0.17	0.06	100.52	-0.58
<b>I8</b>	48.38	13.70	10.81	11.69	13.21	1.43	0.06	0.75	0.18	0.06	100.25	-0.65
<b>I9</b>	47.73	14.58	10.81	12.27	12.51	1.58	0.04	0.80	0.17	0.06	100.56	-0.64
<b>ED</b>	46.40	11.83	11.15	15.71	10.40	1.26	0.09	1.16	0.17	0.09	98.27	
<b>SD</b>	44.92	8.01	12.49	24.69	7.49	0.90	0.05	0.96	0.18	0.08	99.76	
<b>VEY</b>	45.56	12.07	10.88	17.99	8.72	1.28	0.21	0.74	0.17	0.13	97.74	
<b>VP1</b>	46.95	12.60	10.95	13.85	10.03	1.50	0.15	1.38	0.14	0.11	97.66	

## D.2 Trace elements

Table D.2: Trace element abundances (ppm) for BTIP and neovolcanic Iceland samples determined by XRF.

Sample	Zn	Cu	Ni	Cr	V	Ba	Sc	La	Ce	Nd	U	Th	Pb	Nb	Zr	Y	Sr	Rb
<b>S1</b>	58.6	83.0	1316	2768	163	6.7	25.1	0.3	n.d.	1.3	0.0	0.8	0.7	0.4	21.8	12.6	41.1	1.5
<b>S2</b>	55.7	58.5	1705	3128	117	6.6	18.2	1.0	n.d.	0.9	n.d.	0.0	0.6	0.4	13.7	8.5	24.9	4.3
<b>S3</b>	61.9	94.5	1124	2753	187	2.5	31.2	n.d.	n.d.	2.0	n.d.	0.8	1.1	0.5	24.8	13.9	44.4	3.9
<b>S5</b>	63.1	82.9	1390	2879	151	8.5	25.2	0.4	n.d.	0.7	n.d.	1.5	0.8	0.4	18.8	11.1	35.3	2.9
<b>S6</b>	65.6	88.3	1599	3001	129	12.1	22.4	0.3	n.d.	0.9	n.d.	1.2	1.1	0.6	14.5	9.1	27.4	2.2
<b>S7</b>	67.3	90.4	1204	2662	179	16.8	27.5	0.0	n.d.	2.8	0.1	0.5	0.8	1.1	30.3	12.9	71.0	4.8
<b>S8</b>	67.6	94.4	1094	2594	182	12.2	27.3	n.d.	n.d.	1.8	0.2	n.d.	1.1	1.1	32.6	14.0	74.9	4.7
<b>S9</b>	64.8	96.2	1072	1988	194	20.1	27.1	0.9	n.d.	2.8	n.d.	0.2	0.9	1.0	31.5	15.3	58.9	7.9
<b>S10</b>	62.2	94.5	1020	2465	188	13.8	30.4	1.7	n.d.	2.6	0.3	n.d.	1.1	0.5	26.1	15.0	67.8	3.3
<b>R10</b>	67.7	73.1	1614	2282	134	7.0	16.2	0.4	n.d.	3.4	n.d.	0.2	1.4	0.8	32.6	8.3	83.0	0.9
<b>MU1.1</b>	61.7	85.4	1187	1820	171	15.3	22.3	1.3	2.2	3.0	0.0	0.8	0.6	0.8	31.9	14.3	57.8	3.4
<b>MU1.2</b>	57.5	67.4	1468	2303	134	16.3	20.5	n.d.	1.0	2.4	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.7	19.2	11.0	46.1	2.6
<b>MU2.2</b>	56.8	72.7	1380	2160	144	12.1	21.7	0.2	0.1	0.6	0.1	1.5	0.4	0.7	20.6	12.0	50.4	6.9
<b>MU3.1</b>	62.1	72.8	1474	2182	151	20.9	21.2	0.2	0.4	3.0	0.0	1.6	0.6	0.6	26.5	11.7	49.5	6.9
<b>I1</b>	111.0	148.1	93	197	375	43.1	48.1	5.7	21.1	12.3	n.d.	0.5	1.1	9.4	78.6	27.3	142.6	3.0
<b>I2</b>	61.5	66.7	1205	2590	126	4.2	25.4	0.1	-2.0	0.5	n.d.	2.0	0.8	0.7	9.9	7.1	35.8	0.0
<b>I3</b>	77.7	93.0	208	600	268	19.5	43.2	0.7	8.7	4.7	0.6	n.d.	0.6	3.2	38.6	18.0	72.3	1.9
<b>I5</b>	90.4	95.6	1230	1507	180	19.7	23.2	3.6	11.2	9.0	0.4	n.d.	0.8	6.0	61.0	14.5	110.2	0.6
<b>I6</b>	106.9	62.9	678	1116	256	94.7	31.2	13.7	37.0	21.5	0.5	n.d.	1.6	17.0	159.2	31.0	158.5	2.9
<b>I7</b>	68.3	107.3	200	389	250	24.7	42.9	1.7	6.4	5.4	0.4	n.d.	0.7	2.7	35.9	15.6	115.4	2.2
<b>I8</b>	72.4	109.5	269	826	259	15.4	47.5	n.d.	3.3	4.2	0.8	n.d.	1.0	2.0	33.8	17.0	88.6	1.2
<b>I9</b>	78.4	131.0	337	828	266	10.3	46.4	n.d.	5.9	2.8	0.7	n.d.	0.8	1.7	36.8	19.6	82.2	1.1
<b>ED</b>	74.3	91.4	434	1124	217	26.5	31.6	4.6	17.0	9.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	6.5	60.8	15.3	158.1	3.8
<b>SD</b>	87.8	47.1	1041	1715	170	17.7	28.0	5.4	13.7	9.1	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	6.9	53.6	13.6	129.9	0.7
<b>VEY</b>	71.6	42.6	721	1046	148	29.6	27.0	4.6	12.9	9.2	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	5.8	58.7	16.6	170.8	2.4
<b>VP1</b>	84.5	79.4	477	864	228	37.6	28.3	4.6	17.8	10.4	n.d.	n.d.	n.d.	7.9	73.8	17.9	163.3	2.2

# Appendix E. Olivine compositions

## E.1 Olivine core compositions

Table E.1: Major element abundances (wt%) in olivine cores determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
S1_2	39.87	0.1184	50.95	8.24	0.32	0.01	0.13	0.41	n.d.	100.0	91.7
S1_4	40.70	0.0809	50.38	8.75	0.31	0.00	0.12	0.41	n.d.	100.7	91.1
S1_5	40.29	0.1167	51.07	8.24	0.31	0.00	0.14	0.40	n.d.	100.6	91.7
S1_6	40.65	0.0767	50.56	8.49	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.43	n.d.	100.6	91.4
S1_7	40.90	0.1244	49.87	9.15	0.32	0.01	0.12	0.38	n.d.	100.9	90.7
S1_8	40.62	0.1693	50.59	8.52	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.41	n.d.	100.8	91.4
S1_9	41.52	0.1083	50.24	8.55	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.40	n.d.	101.3	91.3
S1_10	40.99	0.0775	50.45	8.45	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.42	n.d.	100.8	91.4
S1_11	41.40	0.1088	50.31	8.33	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.41	n.d.	101.0	91.5
S1_12	41.12	0.1145	50.56	8.32	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.40	n.d.	101.0	91.5
S1_13	39.44	0.1092	48.04	12.27	0.28	0.00	0.19	0.35	n.d.	100.7	87.5
S1_14	40.37	0.1355	50.77	8.36	0.30	0.01	0.12	0.41	n.d.	100.5	91.5
S1_16	41.32	0.0886	50.75	8.55	0.32	0.00	0.15	0.40	n.d.	101.6	91.4
S1_17	40.78	0.0881	50.63	8.71	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.40	n.d.	101.1	91.2
S1_18	40.58	0.1129	50.80	8.66	0.31	0.01	0.16	0.38	n.d.	101.0	91.3
S1_19	40.96	0.0971	50.67	8.62	0.32	0.01	0.15	0.42	n.d.	101.3	91.3
S1_30	40.74	0.1067	50.85	8.66	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.40	0.12	101.2	91.3
S1_33	41.16	0.1236	50.14	8.44	0.32	0.01	0.13	0.40	0.14	100.7	91.4
S1_35	40.53	0.1285	50.48	8.44	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.39	0.15	100.4	91.4
S1_38	40.72	0.1146	50.49	8.45	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.42	0.12	100.6	91.4
S2_1	41.04	0.1383	49.99	8.06	0.30	0.00	0.13	0.39	0.14	100.1	91.7
S2_2	40.52	0.0863	48.07	10.96	0.33	0.01	0.16	0.35	0.07	100.5	88.7
S2_3	41.25	0.1871	50.35	8.47	0.32	0.00	0.13	0.41	0.13	101.1	91.4
S2_4	40.99	0.1366	50.07	8.70	0.32	0.00	0.13	0.40	0.12	100.7	91.1
S2_6	41.01	0.1038	50.19	8.19	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.39	0.10	100.3	91.6
S2_8	40.73	0.1355	50.37	8.49	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.39	0.14	100.6	91.4
S2_9	40.83	0.1399	49.09	10.13	0.31	0.00	0.16	0.36	0.10	101.0	89.6
S2_10	41.01	0.1116	50.15	8.63	0.31	0.00	0.14	0.42	0.13	100.8	91.2
S3_1	41.55	0.1005	50.12	8.71	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.40	n.d.	101.3	91.1
S3_2	41.17	0.1023	50.33	8.35	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.38	n.d.	100.8	91.5
S3_3	41.24	0.1064	50.27	8.51	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.40	n.d.	101.0	91.3
S3_4	41.38	0.1148	50.26	8.32	0.32	0.01	0.13	0.42	n.d.	101.0	91.5
S3_7	40.52	0.0925	47.94	11.33	0.33	0.01	0.17	0.31	n.d.	100.7	88.3
S3_8	41.70	0.0771	49.98	8.58	0.31	0.00	0.14	0.39	n.d.	101.2	91.2
S3_9	41.33	0.1161	50.54	8.33	0.32	0.00	0.14	0.41	n.d.	101.2	91.5
S3_15	41.35	0.0774	50.18	8.96	0.32	0.01	0.15	0.40	n.d.	101.4	90.9
S3_25	40.41	0.1519	49.61	8.96	0.30	0.00	0.14	0.38	0.11	100.0	90.8
S3_27	40.29	0.1138	50.61	8.03	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.41	0.13	99.9	91.8
S3_29	40.62	0.1368	49.72	8.23	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.41	0.19	99.6	91.5
S3_31	40.86	0.1112	50.17	8.35	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.42	0.13	100.3	91.5
S3_33	40.13	0.0958	50.48	8.44	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.41	0.13	100.0	91.4
S5_2	40.96	0.0992	50.68	8.60	0.32	0.00	0.13	0.41	n.d.	101.2	91.3
S5_3	41.28	0.1157	50.13	8.27	0.31	0.00	0.12	0.38	n.d.	100.6	91.5
S5_5	41.32	0.0869	50.27	8.54	0.33	0.01	0.13	0.40	n.d.	101.1	91.3
S5_6	39.83	0.0788	51.04	8.39	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.39	n.d.	100.2	91.5
S5_7	40.97	0.1110	50.95	8.39	0.31	0.00	0.15	0.41	n.d.	101.3	91.5
S5_9	40.94	0.1112	50.75	8.46	0.30	0.01	0.12	0.36	n.d.	101.0	91.4
S5_11	40.62	0.0844	48.75	10.09	0.33	0.01	0.16	0.35	n.d.	100.4	89.6
S5_13	40.97	0.1179	50.80	8.20	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.41	n.d.	100.9	91.7
S5_14	40.88	0.0671	50.64	8.37	0.33	0.01	0.13	0.39	n.d.	100.8	91.5

## E.1 Olivine core compositions

Table E.1: Major element abundances (wt%) in olivine cores determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
S5_15	40.60	0.1188	50.22	8.49	0.32	0.01	0.12	0.40	n.d.	100.3	91.3
S5_16	41.01	0.1059	49.37	9.59	0.33	0.01	0.13	0.38	n.d.	100.9	90.2
S5_18	41.16	0.1219	50.84	8.40	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.42	n.d.	101.4	91.5
S5_19	40.64	0.1137	50.68	8.35	0.32	0.01	0.10	0.39	n.d.	100.6	91.5
S5_21	40.94	0.1130	48.86	10.09	0.32	0.01	0.15	0.34	n.d.	100.8	89.6
S5_30	40.21	0.1439	50.08	9.51	0.35	0.00	0.15	0.36	n.d.	100.8	90.4
S5_31	41.00	0.0820	49.81	9.17	0.32	0.01	0.13	0.38	n.d.	100.9	90.6
S5_32	41.60	0.0740	50.60	8.14	0.32	0.00	0.13	0.40	n.d.	101.3	91.7
S5_33	40.80	0.1208	50.29	8.22	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.39	0.14	100.3	91.6
S5_35	40.23	0.1153	50.31	8.04	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.40	0.14	99.5	91.8
S5_39	40.78	0.1067	50.10	8.45	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.41	0.12	100.3	91.4
S5_40	39.99	0.1073	50.22	7.99	0.30	0.00	0.12	0.41	0.14	99.1	91.8
S5_44	40.00	0.1002	49.87	8.04	0.30	0.01	0.12	0.38	0.15	98.8	91.7
S5_46	40.44	0.1217	48.38	10.05	0.32	0.01	0.14	0.35	0.10	99.8	89.6
S6_2	41.15	0.1067	50.50	8.53	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.40	0.12	101.2	91.3
S6_3	40.78	0.0946	50.25	8.54	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.40	0.12	100.5	91.3
S6_5	41.06	0.1075	49.93	8.79	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.37	0.13	100.7	91.0
S6_6	41.05	0.1191	50.43	7.93	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.39	0.15	100.4	91.9
S6_8	41.14	0.1246	50.28	8.24	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.39	0.14	100.6	91.6
S6_9	40.34	0.0720	49.40	9.76	0.32	0.01	0.14	0.38	0.09	100.4	90.0
S6_10	40.04	0.0795	49.85	9.98	0.32	0.00	0.15	0.39	0.09	100.8	89.9
S6_11	41.21	0.1034	50.13	8.71	0.32	0.00	0.12	0.37	0.12	101.0	91.1
S6_12	40.85	0.1154	49.62	9.57	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.37	0.13	101.0	90.2
S6_13	40.78	0.1134	50.64	8.23	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.40	0.14	100.6	91.6
S6_14	40.32	0.0879	50.08	8.97	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.36	0.13	100.3	90.9
S6_17	40.95	0.1032	50.19	8.91	0.30	0.00	0.14	0.37	0.13	101.0	90.9
S6_18	41.08	0.1184	50.71	7.70	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.40	0.15	100.5	92.1
S7_1	40.98	0.1109	50.25	8.64	0.31	0.00	0.12	0.41	0.14	100.8	91.2
S7_3	40.06	0.0681	50.05	8.82	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.38	0.09	99.8	91.0
S7_4	40.66	0.0950	48.25	10.56	0.32	0.01	0.17	0.35	0.09	100.4	89.1
S7_5	40.36	0.1037	49.36	9.97	0.31	0.01	0.15	0.37	0.10	100.6	89.8
S7_8	40.93	0.0842	50.12	8.95	0.31	0.00	0.14	0.40	0.12	100.9	90.9
S7_9	40.43	0.1166	48.39	8.78	0.28	0.02	0.14	0.38	0.12	98.5	90.8
S7_10	40.00	0.0767	49.70	9.35	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.38	0.10	100.0	90.5
S7_11	39.46	0.1046	49.63	9.74	0.32	0.01	0.13	0.36	0.10	99.8	90.1
S7_13	40.02	0.0943	49.42	10.01	0.32	0.00	0.14	0.36	0.12	100.4	89.8
S7_15	40.15	0.0745	50.42	8.79	0.30	0.00	0.13	0.42	0.11	100.3	91.1
S8_1	40.60	0.1024	49.84	8.75	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.36	n.d.	100.1	91.0
S8_3	40.97	0.0999	47.69	11.64	0.32	0.01	0.18	0.33	n.d.	101.3	87.9
S8_4	40.05	0.1038	48.87	10.68	0.32	0.00	0.17	0.35	n.d.	100.6	89.1
S8_6	39.97	0.0816	50.52	9.21	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.39	n.d.	100.6	90.7
S8_8	41.35	0.0561	49.93	8.82	0.31	0.01	0.15	0.39	n.d.	101.0	91.0
S8_9	40.62	0.0765	50.43	9.07	0.31	0.00	0.15	0.36	n.d.	101.0	90.8
S8_11	40.53	0.0703	49.33	10.24	0.26	0.01	0.13	0.41	n.d.	101.0	89.6
S8_12	39.86	0.0815	50.45	8.72	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.43	n.d.	100.0	91.2
S8_13	41.39	0.2205	49.88	8.88	0.31	0.01	0.15	0.40	n.d.	101.2	90.9
S8_14	41.10	0.0869	50.01	8.99	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.35	n.d.	101.0	90.8
S8_16	40.21	0.0828	49.74	10.02	0.32	0.01	0.15	0.37	n.d.	100.9	89.8
S8_17	40.13	0.0637	50.08	8.73	0.30	0.01	0.14	0.40	n.d.	99.9	91.1
S8_18	40.81	0.0988	49.53	9.83	0.32	0.00	0.14	0.39	n.d.	101.1	90.0
S8_19	40.94	0.0857	50.53	8.57	0.31	0.00	0.12	0.40	n.d.	101.0	91.3
S8_26	40.73	0.0938	50.11	9.32	0.32	0.01	0.15	0.38	0.10	101.1	90.5
S8_28	40.42	0.0931	50.03	9.34	0.32	0.01	0.13	0.37	0.54	100.7	90.5
S8_29	40.62	0.1016	50.23	9.00	0.32	0.00	0.16	0.40	0.12	100.8	90.9
S8_31	41.21	0.0794	50.55	8.89	0.31	0.00	0.14	0.41	0.12	101.6	91.0
S8_38	40.46	0.1256	50.08	9.40	0.32	0.01	0.14	0.37	0.11	100.9	90.5
S9_1	40.71	0.0919	50.01	8.12	0.30	0.01	0.12	0.40	0.12	99.8	91.7
S9_4	40.44	0.1436	50.04	8.14	0.30	0.00	0.13	0.41	0.15	99.6	91.6
S9_6	40.74	0.1035	50.29	8.00	0.30	0.01	0.14	0.39	0.13	100.0	91.8
S9_9	40.89	0.1217	50.22	8.23	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.41	0.14	100.3	91.6
S9_10	40.59	0.1054	50.27	8.33	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.39	0.13	100.1	91.5
S9_12	40.85	0.0798	49.76	9.05	0.31	0.00	0.14	0.40	0.10	100.6	90.7
S9_13	40.32	0.0962	49.36	8.93	0.32	0.01	0.14	0.38	0.12	99.6	90.8
S9_15	40.20	0.0961	49.50	8.82	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.40	0.12	99.5	90.9
S9_17	40.88	0.0959	49.66	8.57	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.39	0.13	100.0	91.2
S9_19	40.39	0.1151	50.21	7.74	0.31	0.02	0.13	0.41	0.14	99.3	92.0
S10_1	41.18	0.1363	50.51	7.66	0.30	0.00	0.12	0.40	n.d.	100.3	92.2
S10_2	41.30	0.1198	50.77	7.28	0.30	0.01	0.14	0.42	n.d.	100.4	92.5
S10_3	40.46	0.1020	51.09	7.81	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.41	n.d.	100.3	92.1



## E.1 Olivine core compositions

Table E.1: Major element abundances (wt%) in olivine cores determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
S10_5	40.52	0.0791	49.69	9.08	0.25	0.00	0.25	0.38	n.d.	100.3	90.7
S10_6	40.77	0.1080	50.52	8.66	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.38	n.d.	100.9	91.2
S10_7	40.37	0.0896	50.48	8.14	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.38	n.d.	99.9	91.7
S10_12	40.15	0.0950	50.27	9.29	0.28	0.00	0.13	0.40	n.d.	100.6	90.6
S10_20	40.75	0.1022	50.71	8.17	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.41	0.13	100.6	91.7
S10_22	40.39	0.1159	49.98	8.27	0.30	0.00	0.12	0.41	0.15	99.6	91.5
S10_25	40.69	0.1261	49.90	8.34	0.29	0.01	0.13	0.40	0.14	99.9	91.4
S10_28	40.83	0.0849	50.26	7.68	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.39	0.14	99.7	92.1
S10_30	40.07	0.1033	50.78	7.95	0.29	0.00	0.10	0.41	0.13	99.7	91.9
S10_31	40.60	0.1276	50.74	7.20	0.30	0.01	0.12	0.44	0.15	99.5	92.6
S10_33	40.27	0.1037	50.10	8.13	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.40	0.15	99.4	91.7
S10_35	40.87	0.1034	50.65	7.55	0.30	0.01	0.12	0.41	0.14	100.0	92.3
S10_37	40.74	0.1099	50.75	7.35	0.29	0.00	0.11	0.41	0.14	99.8	92.5
S10_39	40.68	0.1076	50.24	7.94	0.29	0.01	0.14	0.44	0.11	99.8	91.8
R10_1	40.00	0.0733	47.81	11.97	0.03	0.00	0.17	0.39	0.03	100.4	87.7
R10_3	40.45	0.1175	47.99	10.58	0.50	0.00	0.13	0.37	0.19	100.1	89.0
R10_4	40.46	0.0604	49.18	10.12	0.04	0.01	0.16	0.38	0.02	100.4	89.7
R10_6	40.55	0.0819	48.03	11.02	0.28	0.02	0.17	0.35	0.08	100.5	88.6
R10_7	40.09	0.0658	45.61	14.53	0.03	0.01	0.29	0.33	0.01	101.0	84.8
R10_9	39.09	0.0439	44.88	15.42	0.30	0.01	0.24	0.17	0.04	100.2	83.8
R10_11	39.83	0.0353	47.95	11.76	0.05	0.00	0.18	0.29	0.01	100.1	87.9
R10_13	40.06	0.0441	46.52	13.23	0.15	0.01	0.20	0.29	0.01	100.5	86.2
R10_18	39.34	0.0765	45.04	15.04	0.02	0.01	0.27	0.35	0.02	100.1	84.2
R10_19	40.65	0.0969	49.24	10.36	0.37	0.02	0.16	0.39	0.10	101.3	89.4
R10_22	40.36	0.1153	48.65	10.92	0.51	0.01	0.16	0.38	0.12	101.1	88.8
R10_26	40.16	0.0553	48.23	12.03	0.05	0.01	0.19	0.35	0.01	101.1	87.7
M9_1	41.49	0.1093	50.85	7.72	0.29	n.d.	0.11	0.45	0.15	101.2	92.1
M9_3	41.67	0.1199	50.49	7.75	0.26	n.d.	0.12	0.48	0.13	101.0	92.1
M9_5	41.39	0.1200	50.90	7.23	0.28	n.d.	0.10	0.47	0.13	100.6	92.6
M9_9	40.82	0.1165	49.47	9.18	0.29	n.d.	0.12	0.36	0.14	100.5	90.6
M9_13	41.37	0.1332	50.91	7.69	0.32	n.d.	0.11	0.46	0.14	101.1	92.2
M9_15	41.28	0.1104	51.02	7.57	0.28	n.d.	0.10	0.46	0.14	101.0	92.3
M9_17	40.13	0.1177	49.55	7.93	0.24	n.d.	0.11	0.48	0.13	98.7	91.8
M9_21	40.59	0.1169	50.54	7.52	0.28	n.d.	0.12	0.48	0.15	99.8	92.3
M9_23	40.62	0.1147	50.93	7.65	0.29	n.d.	0.11	0.45	0.15	100.3	92.2
M9_25	39.56	0.1251	50.74	7.75	0.28	n.d.	0.11	0.47	0.15	99.2	92.1
MU1.1_1	40.76	0.0981	51.14	7.82	0.28	0.01	0.11	0.43	0.12	100.6	92.1
MU1.1_5	41.08	0.0747	50.55	8.19	0.29	0.00	0.12	0.42	0.12	100.7	91.7
MU1.1_6	41.07	0.0675	50.51	8.36	0.29	0.01	0.13	0.41	0.08	100.8	91.5
MU1.1_7	40.92	0.0811	51.30	7.73	0.30	0.01	0.12	0.41	0.12	100.9	92.2
MU1.1_9	40.89	0.1013	51.19	7.56	0.25	0.01	0.13	0.42	0.12	100.6	92.3
MU1.1_11	40.30	0.0375	49.61	9.68	0.29	0.00	0.16	0.39	0.05	100.5	90.1
MU1.1_12	41.24	0.0725	50.51	7.97	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.42	0.11	100.6	91.9
MU1.1_13	40.24	0.1054	48.69	9.55	0.29	0.01	0.15	0.40	0.09	99.4	90.1
MU1.1_14	41.00	0.0780	50.76	7.37	0.23	0.00	0.11	0.42	0.10	100.0	92.5
MU1.1_15	40.72	0.0767	50.61	8.01	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.42	0.11	100.3	91.8
MU1.1_17	40.17	0.0894	48.07	11.36	0.27	0.01	0.18	0.38	0.10	100.5	88.3
MU1.1_19	40.62	0.0795	50.64	8.28	0.27	0.01	0.14	0.43	0.10	100.5	91.6
MU1.1_22	40.81	0.0937	50.33	8.40	0.29	0.01	0.12	0.44	0.13	100.5	91.4
MU1.1_24	41.07	0.0776	50.57	7.52	0.26	0.01	0.11	0.42	0.12	100.0	92.3
MU1.1_27	40.45	0.0951	50.55	7.76	0.28	0.01	0.12	0.43	0.13	99.7	92.1
MU1.1_31	41.01	0.0832	50.98	7.98	0.25	0.00	0.12	0.40	0.09	100.8	91.9
MU1.2_1	40.39	0.0874	49.03	9.39	0.27	0.01	0.13	0.42	0.11	99.7	90.3
MU1.2_4	40.16	0.1016	48.23	10.56	0.28	0.01	0.16	0.38	0.10	99.9	89.1
MU1.2_6	40.50	0.0898	49.10	9.87	0.24	0.00	0.14	0.41	0.10	100.4	89.9
MU1.2_7	40.16	0.0804	47.39	12.59	0.30	0.01	0.17	0.37	0.08	101.1	87.0
MU1.2_8	40.93	0.0837	50.74	8.02	0.27	0.00	0.11	0.38	0.11	100.5	91.9
MU1.2_12	39.27	0.1050	46.46	13.30	0.29	0.01	0.19	0.37	0.09	100.0	86.2
MU1.2_14	40.27	0.0812	48.71	9.85	0.27	0.02	0.14	0.38	0.09	99.7	89.8
MU1.2_17	40.35	0.0921	49.24	9.46	0.30	0.01	0.14	0.40	0.09	100.0	90.3
MU1.2_24	39.52	0.0727	45.93	13.69	0.27	0.01	0.21	0.35	0.08	100.0	85.7
MU1.2_26	39.97	0.0897	46.95	12.35	0.28	0.00	0.20	0.38	0.09	100.2	87.1
MU1.2_27	39.78	0.0977	46.33	13.07	0.23	0.01	0.20	0.36	0.09	100.1	86.3
MU2.2_1	40.13	0.1025	50.45	7.87	0.25	0.01	0.12	0.43	0.11	99.4	92.0
MU2.2_3	41.30	0.0839	51.15	7.59	0.24	0.01	0.11	0.42	0.10	100.9	92.3
MU2.2_6	41.01	0.0953	49.50	9.28	0.28	0.01	0.15	0.43	0.13	100.8	90.5
MU2.2_9	41.55	0.0644	50.74	7.80	0.24	0.01	0.13	0.44	0.09	101.0	92.1
MU2.2_11	41.04	0.0912	50.57	7.37	0.28	0.01	0.12	0.43	0.12	99.9	92.4
MU2.2_13	39.97	0.0464	46.43	13.22	0.31	0.01	0.20	0.29	0.04	100.5	86.2

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Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
MU2.2_15	41.02	0.1016	50.43	7.49	0.29	0.01	0.11	0.44	0.12	99.9	92.3
MU2.2_18	40.83	0.0829	50.53	7.56	0.28	0.00	0.10	0.44	0.13	99.8	92.3
MU2.2_19	40.57	0.1133	51.03	6.73	0.27	0.01	0.11	0.46	0.32	99.3	93.1
MU2.2_21	40.52	0.0762	48.44	11.80	0.26	0.00	0.16	0.39	0.09	101.6	88.0
MU2.2_22	40.12	0.0949	47.46	11.68	0.28	0.01	0.14	0.37	0.11	100.2	87.9
MU2.2_23	40.53	0.0968	50.81	7.60	0.28	0.01	0.13	0.42	0.13	99.9	92.3
MU3.1_1	40.98	0.1188	50.32	7.68	0.26	0.01	0.12	0.43	0.12	99.9	92.1
MU3.1_4	40.64	0.0988	49.94	9.01	0.29	0.01	0.12	0.42	0.11	100.5	90.8
MU3.1_6	40.63	0.0574	49.96	8.95	0.28	0.00	0.13	0.42	0.07	100.4	90.9
MU3.1_8	40.55	0.0951	49.02	9.91	0.30	0.01	0.16	0.42	0.11	100.5	89.8
MU3.1_12	40.77	0.0975	51.04	7.92	0.29	0.01	0.12	0.42	0.11	100.7	92.0
MU3.1_13	40.37	0.0953	48.61	10.38	0.24	0.01	0.16	0.41	0.10	100.3	89.3
MU3.1_14	40.87	0.0953	50.65	8.04	0.28	0.00	0.12	0.43	0.12	100.5	91.8
MU3.1_15	40.81	0.0816	50.43	8.01	0.28	0.00	0.12	0.43	0.11	100.2	91.8
MU3.1_17	41.10	0.0931	49.02	10.27	0.29	0.01	0.15	0.39	0.10	101.3	89.5
AP04_1	40.44	0.0821	48.07	12.01	0.32	0.01	0.16	0.36	0.10	101.5	87.7
AP04_2	40.82	0.0645	49.44	9.58	0.25	0.01	0.13	0.38	0.11	100.7	90.2
AP04_3	39.88	0.0879	48.06	11.48	0.31	0.01	0.17	0.37	0.09	100.4	88.2
AP04_4	39.94	0.0844	48.43	11.46	0.30	0.01	0.16	0.39	0.09	100.8	88.3
AP04_5	39.58	0.1074	47.83	11.79	0.28	0.00	0.17	0.39	0.11	100.2	87.8
AP04_6	39.66	0.1002	48.11	11.66	0.27	0.01	0.16	0.39	0.12	100.4	88.0
AP04_7	40.26	0.0747	47.76	11.71	0.30	0.00	0.17	0.37	0.08	100.6	87.9
AP07_1	40.95	0.0959	51.20	7.29	0.28	0.01	0.11	0.44	0.18	100.4	92.6
AP07_2	41.29	0.0668	50.92	8.11	0.28	0.00	0.13	0.46	0.14	101.3	91.8
AP07_3	41.04	0.0849	51.03	7.78	0.29	0.01	0.11	0.46	0.14	100.8	92.1
AP07_4	40.62	0.0992	51.31	7.31	0.28	0.01	0.10	0.46	0.16	100.2	92.6
AP07_5	40.00	0.0833	47.74	12.17	0.29	0.01	0.17	0.36	0.10	100.8	87.5
AP07_6	40.24	0.0568	46.49	13.04	0.34	0.01	0.20	0.35	0.06	100.7	86.4
DUR6_1	40.75	0.0848	51.00	7.46	0.28	0.00	0.10	0.45	0.14	100.1	92.4
DUR6_2	39.65	0.0917	51.19	7.66	0.29	0.01	0.11	0.44	0.17	99.4	92.3
DUR6_4	41.12	0.0781	49.97	8.64	0.29	0.00	0.13	0.46	0.13	100.7	91.2
DUR6_5	39.37	0.0519	48.77	10.07	0.33	0.00	0.15	0.39	0.08	99.1	89.6
DUR6_7	40.59	0.0967	49.62	9.29	0.28	0.01	0.14	0.42	0.11	100.4	90.5
DUR6_9	39.67	0.0766	47.89	11.25	0.30	0.00	0.16	0.37	0.08	99.7	88.3
DUR8_1	38.90	0.0468	45.35	15.03	0.34	0.01	0.21	0.24	0.06	100.1	84.3
DUR8_2	38.94	0.0987	47.31	12.46	0.31	0.00	0.18	0.33	0.11	99.6	87.1
DUR8_4	40.14	0.1027	47.07	12.23	0.32	0.01	0.17	0.32	0.09	100.4	87.3
DUR8_5	39.71	0.0617	46.08	13.90	0.32	0.01	0.20	0.32	0.06	100.6	85.5
DUR8_7	40.17	0.1071	49.25	9.90	0.29	0.01	0.14	0.44	0.15	100.3	89.9
PAD4_1	40.25	0.0568	48.08	11.43	0.33	0.01	0.15	0.35	0.06	100.7	88.2
PAD4_2	40.76	0.0718	50.39	8.16	0.28	0.00	0.12	0.46	0.13	100.2	91.7
PAD4_3	40.56	0.1023	50.58	7.29	0.28	0.00	0.11	0.46	0.16	99.4	92.5
PAD4_4	39.84	0.0604	47.15	12.19	0.34	0.00	0.19	0.34	0.07	100.1	87.3
PAD4_5	40.67	0.0929	50.14	8.46	0.28	0.01	0.11	0.46	0.13	100.2	91.3
PAD4_6	39.72	0.0736	47.33	11.78	0.30	0.01	0.17	0.36	0.08	99.7	87.7
PAD4_9	40.23	0.0634	49.06	9.96	0.28	0.01	0.14	0.43	0.10	100.2	89.8
PAD4_10	40.44	0.1002	49.95	9.19	0.27	0.01	0.15	0.46	0.16	100.6	90.6
PAD4_11	39.97	0.0780	47.73	11.96	0.31	0.01	0.17	0.36	0.10	100.6	87.7
PAD5_1	40.30	0.0803	48.37	11.06	0.34	0.01	0.14	0.38	0.08	100.7	88.6
PAD5_2	40.50	0.0850	50.76	8.05	0.30	0.01	0.11	0.45	0.11	100.3	91.8
PAD5_3	40.60	0.0949	50.79	7.77	0.29	0.01	0.11	0.45	0.14	100.1	92.1
PAD5_4	40.79	0.1005	50.97	7.94	0.29	0.01	0.10	0.46	0.14	100.7	92.0
PAD5_5	40.37	0.1502	49.86	8.50	0.28	0.01	0.14	0.43	0.15	99.7	91.3
PAD5_6	39.96	0.0764	47.93	11.61	0.34	0.01	0.17	0.36	0.09	100.4	88.0
PAD5_7	39.61	0.0785	46.98	11.92	0.30	0.01	0.18	0.36	0.08	99.4	87.5
PAD5_5_2	40.78	0.0988	50.37	9.35	0.28	0.01	0.14	0.43	0.14	101.5	90.6
PAD6_1	40.18	0.0924	49.14	9.51	0.29	0.01	0.15	0.42	0.10	99.8	90.2
PAD6_3	39.64	0.0398	47.32	12.48	0.32	0.00	0.18	0.33	0.06	100.3	87.1
PAD6_5	39.43	0.0922	46.74	13.09	0.32	0.01	0.20	0.34	0.08	100.2	86.4
PAD6_6	40.73	0.0971	50.62	8.07	0.29	0.01	0.13	0.45	0.15	100.4	91.8
PAD6_8	40.05	0.1008	50.43	9.40	0.28	0.01	0.12	0.44	0.15	100.8	90.5
PAD6_10	39.94	0.1085	49.80	9.69	0.28	0.00	0.14	0.40	0.15	100.4	90.2
PAD6_12	40.02	0.1037	49.73	8.93	0.29	0.01	0.14	0.45	0.15	99.7	90.8
PAD6_15	39.70	0.0927	47.31	12.59	0.31	0.00	0.18	0.35	0.09	100.5	87.0
PAD6_17	40.01	0.0782	48.59	11.00	0.29	0.01	0.16	0.38	0.11	100.5	88.7
PAD6_18	40.37	0.1096	49.52	9.88	0.30	0.02	0.14	0.43	0.09	100.8	89.9
138345_1	40.55	0.0999	50.68	7.75	0.27	0.01	0.11	0.43	0.15	99.9	92.1
138345_3	40.07	0.1101	50.97	7.31	0.26	0.01	0.12	0.47	0.15	99.3	92.6
138345_4	40.52	0.1269	49.50	9.66	0.25	0.01	0.14	0.40	0.13	100.6	90.1

Table E.1: Major element abundances (wt%) in olivine cores determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
138345_5	40.25	0.1078	51.00	7.39	0.27	0.01	0.11	0.47	0.15	99.6	92.5
138345_6	40.46	0.1063	51.15	7.12	0.27	0.01	0.09	0.45	0.16	99.7	92.8
138345_8	40.91	0.1021	50.88	7.64	0.27	0.01	0.12	0.46	0.16	100.4	92.2
138345_9	39.08	0.0843	45.35	15.05	0.27	0.01	0.21	0.33	0.08	100.4	84.3
138345_10	38.85	0.0949	46.45	12.96	0.26	0.01	0.19	0.40	0.11	99.2	86.5
138345_14	41.03	0.0923	51.13	7.15	0.27	0.01	0.10	0.47	0.16	100.2	92.7
138345_15	39.22	0.1100	47.82	11.77	0.25	0.01	0.15	0.38	0.11	99.7	87.9
138345_16	39.06	0.0372	44.62	16.14	0.32	0.01	0.21	0.29	0.03	100.7	83.1
138345_18	39.13	0.0702	44.59	14.86	0.32	0.02	0.21	0.32	0.07	99.5	84.2
340740_1	39.65	0.0758	48.97	10.26	0.28	0.02	0.14	0.45	0.10	99.8	89.5
340740_3	40.33	0.0921	50.32	8.70	0.28	0.01	0.13	0.47	0.14	100.3	91.2
340740_5	40.46	0.0978	49.46	9.56	0.27	0.01	0.12	0.44	0.12	100.4	90.2
340740_6	39.36	0.0804	48.40	11.00	0.27	0.01	0.15	0.44	0.09	99.7	88.7
340740_7	40.43	0.0894	48.77	9.85	0.27	0.01	0.13	0.45	0.12	100.0	89.8
340740_8	40.21	0.0697	49.79	9.52	0.28	0.01	0.14	0.48	0.11	100.5	90.3
340740_10	40.66	0.0729	48.41	10.27	0.28	0.01	0.15	0.44	0.09	100.3	89.4
340740_11	40.17	0.0925	50.92	8.06	0.28	0.01	0.13	0.49	0.12	100.1	91.8
340740_13	40.50	0.0980	50.56	8.33	0.28	0.01	0.12	0.47	0.14	100.4	91.5
340740_15	39.33	0.0951	48.16	11.18	0.27	0.01	0.16	0.42	0.11	99.6	88.5
354754_1	35.67	0.0711	45.72	12.84	0.30	0.01	0.16	0.37	0.08	95.1	86.4
354754_3	35.77	0.0479	45.15	13.84	0.30	0.00	0.19	0.33	0.06	95.6	85.3
354754_4	39.61	0.0673	46.18	13.20	0.17	0.02	0.18	0.41	0.06	99.8	86.2
354754_6	39.14	0.0397	45.86	13.44	0.34	0.00	0.20	0.35	0.05	99.4	85.9
354754_7	39.34	0.0660	46.11	13.55	0.33	0.01	0.19	0.35	0.06	99.9	85.8
354754_8	39.46	0.0745	46.46	13.52	0.32	0.01	0.18	0.35	0.07	100.4	86.0
354754_9	39.31	0.0456	46.49	13.62	0.34	0.01	0.18	0.34	0.06	100.3	85.9
354754_11	38.12	0.0486	44.81	14.99	0.34	0.01	0.21	0.31	0.06	98.8	84.2
354754_13	38.46	0.0618	45.79	13.72	0.32	0.01	0.18	0.35	0.06	98.9	85.6
360277_1	40.35	0.1235	49.08	9.67	0.27	0.01	0.14	0.43	0.15	100.1	90.0
360277_3	39.87	0.1015	48.96	10.24	0.28	0.01	0.14	0.42	0.13	100.0	89.5
360277_5	40.42	0.1196	49.29	9.56	0.27	0.01	0.13	0.44	0.14	100.2	90.2
360277_6	41.01	0.1257	50.94	7.94	0.28	0.01	0.12	0.47	0.16	100.9	92.0
360277_8	39.84	0.1438	50.47	8.52	0.27	0.01	0.11	0.45	0.17	99.8	91.3
360277_9	40.83	0.1036	50.70	8.43	0.29	0.01	0.11	0.44	0.13	100.9	91.5
360277_10	40.39	0.0816	49.62	9.68	0.29	0.01	0.13	0.42	0.12	100.6	90.1
360277_12	40.46	0.0780	50.65	8.44	0.28	0.01	0.13	0.43	0.12	100.5	91.4
360277_13	40.82	0.0785	48.39	11.17	0.28	0.01	0.15	0.39	0.09	101.3	88.5
360277_14	40.51	0.1111	50.47	7.57	0.27	0.01	0.11	0.46	0.17	99.5	92.2
360277_15	40.78	0.1154	50.84	7.54	0.28	0.01	0.11	0.47	0.14	100.1	92.3
400230_1	39.10	0.0840	46.88	12.46	0.26	0.01	0.17	0.41	0.10	99.4	87.0
400230_3	39.58	0.0959	48.96	10.66	0.28	0.01	0.14	0.43	0.12	100.1	89.1
400230_5	39.34	0.0884	47.60	12.18	0.28	0.01	0.16	0.41	0.10	100.1	87.4
400230_6	39.02	0.0843	46.92	12.68	0.28	0.01	0.17	0.43	0.12	99.6	86.8
400230_7	39.38	0.0887	47.07	12.86	0.29	0.01	0.18	0.41	0.10	100.3	86.7
400230_9	39.89	0.1009	48.23	11.08	0.27	0.01	0.15	0.42	0.12	100.1	88.6
400230_10	39.43	0.0757	45.50	14.15	0.30	0.01	0.19	0.34	0.07	100.0	85.1
400230_12	40.27	0.1024	50.72	8.11	0.28	0.01	0.11	0.48	0.11	100.1	91.8
400230_13	40.16	0.1054	50.64	7.87	0.26	0.01	0.12	0.49	0.13	99.7	92.0
400230_15	39.88	0.1002	48.09	10.78	0.27	0.01	0.15	0.39	0.10	99.7	88.8
400230_16	38.66	0.0890	46.71	12.67	0.27	0.01	0.17	0.40	0.10	99.0	86.8
400230_18	39.04	0.0676	45.49	14.98	0.34	0.02	0.21	0.33	0.06	100.5	84.4
ED_1	39.52	0.0524	45.36	15.16	0.27	0.01	0.20	0.22	0.04	100.8	84.2
ED_2	40.12	0.0455	45.21	15.20	0.30	0.00	0.21	0.23	0.03	101.3	84.1
ED_3	40.37	0.0497	44.78	14.79	0.30	0.01	0.20	0.23	0.02	100.7	84.4
ED_4	39.47	0.0316	43.16	18.05	0.28	0.02	0.25	0.18	0.01	101.5	81.0
ED_6	40.03	0.0467	45.26	14.11	0.31	0.01	0.18	0.23	0.04	100.2	85.1
ED_7	40.33	0.0509	46.31	13.14	0.32	0.01	0.18	0.25	0.04	100.6	86.3
ED_8	39.54	0.0587	46.10	14.21	0.29	0.01	0.19	0.26	0.05	100.6	85.3
ED_10	39.39	0.0391	43.51	17.43	0.30	0.02	0.22	0.19	0.02	101.1	81.6
ED_11	39.64	0.0533	45.43	14.23	0.30	0.00	0.19	0.23	0.03	100.1	85.0
ED_13	40.35	0.0562	45.89	13.58	0.31	0.02	0.18	0.26	0.05	100.6	85.8
ED_14	39.70	0.0456	44.80	15.37	0.31	0.01	0.21	0.23	0.02	100.7	83.9
ED_15	40.27	0.0546	45.14	14.48	0.31	0.01	0.19	0.23	0.03	100.7	84.7
ED_16	39.75	0.0329	43.85	16.61	0.30	0.02	0.22	0.17	0.02	101.0	82.5
ED_17	40.15	0.0548	45.71	13.49	0.31	0.01	0.19	0.25	0.05	100.2	85.8
KoP_1	40.47	0.0530	46.88	12.91	0.28	0.00	0.19	0.30	0.05	101.1	86.6
KoP_2	40.67	0.0558	47.59	12.17	0.28	0.01	0.17	0.32	0.07	101.3	87.4
KoP_4	40.02	0.0602	47.81	11.55	0.30	0.00	0.16	0.36	0.11	100.3	88.1
KoP_5	40.61	0.0567	46.59	12.77	0.30	0.01	0.18	0.30	0.07	100.8	86.7

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Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
KoP_6	41.09	0.0451	47.29	12.32	0.23	0.01	0.17	0.32	0.06	101.5	87.2
KoP_7	40.11	0.0710	47.69	11.28	0.30	0.00	0.16	0.37	0.11	100.0	88.3
KoP_8	40.27	0.0818	48.61	11.09	0.29	0.01	0.16	0.39	0.10	100.9	88.6
KoP_9	40.47	0.0697	48.29	10.85	0.30	0.01	0.16	0.40	0.10	100.5	88.8
KoP_10	39.99	0.0516	45.24	15.68	0.29	0.01	0.21	0.25	0.03	101.7	83.7
KoP_12	39.98	0.0478	44.52	15.97	0.26	0.01	0.23	0.25	0.03	101.3	83.2
KoP_13	40.13	0.0591	45.22	14.76	0.27	0.00	0.21	0.25	0.04	100.9	84.5
KoP_15	40.87	0.0458	47.84	11.72	0.24	0.02	0.16	0.33	0.07	101.2	87.9
KoP_16	40.08	0.0609	45.86	13.43	0.22	0.01	0.20	0.28	0.03	100.1	85.9
SAU3199_1	39.96	0.0469	46.31	13.32	0.31	0.01	0.17	0.27	0.06	100.4	86.1
SAU3199_2	40.34	0.0510	46.85	13.66	0.31	0.02	0.18	0.30	0.06	101.7	85.9
SAU3199_5	39.80	0.0349	44.83	15.28	0.29	0.01	0.20	0.21	0.03	100.7	83.9
SAU3199_7	39.97	0.0503	46.26	13.01	0.30	0.01	0.18	0.28	0.05	100.1	86.4
SAU3199_8	40.10	0.0540	46.22	14.38	0.28	0.01	0.18	0.28	0.04	101.5	85.1
SAU3199_9	40.36	0.0448	46.49	13.29	0.28	0.01	0.17	0.30	0.04	100.9	86.2
SAU3199_10	40.63	0.0365	46.27	13.18	0.31	0.01	0.16	0.29	0.06	100.9	86.2
SAU3199_12	39.85	0.0523	46.46	12.81	0.31	0.00	0.18	0.29	0.06	100.0	86.6
SAU3199_13	39.90	0.0410	46.20	13.43	0.29	0.01	0.16	0.29	0.05	100.3	86.0
SAU3199_14	40.24	0.0544	46.55	12.80	0.30	0.01	0.18	0.29	0.05	100.4	86.6
SAU3199_15	40.15	0.0480	46.30	13.37	0.29	0.02	0.18	0.28	0.04	100.6	86.1
SAU3199_16	40.56	0.0494	46.56	12.87	0.33	0.00	0.17	0.29	0.06	100.8	86.6
SAU3199_17	40.32	0.0469	46.67	12.66	0.29	0.01	0.18	0.33	0.07	100.5	86.8
SD_1	40.12	0.0509	46.20	13.92	0.29	0.01	0.19	0.28	0.03	101.1	85.5
SD_4	40.07	0.0501	45.65	13.95	0.31	0.01	0.19	0.28	0.05	100.5	85.4
SD_6	39.96	0.0527	46.09	13.77	0.31	0.01	0.18	0.27	0.06	100.7	85.6
SD_7	40.07	0.0477	45.98	13.66	0.29	0.01	0.19	0.28	0.04	100.5	85.7
SD_8	39.82	0.0546	45.72	14.22	0.29	0.01	0.21	0.28	0.04	100.6	85.1
SD_9	40.01	0.0522	46.31	13.67	0.30	0.01	0.18	0.29	0.05	100.8	85.8
SD_10	40.07	0.0538	46.30	14.15	0.28	0.01	0.18	0.29	0.04	101.3	85.4
SD_12	39.73	0.0487	45.21	14.69	0.29	0.01	0.20	0.27	0.03	100.4	84.6
SD_13	40.09	0.0555	45.42	13.87	0.29	0.02	0.19	0.27	0.04	100.2	85.4
SD_14	39.93	0.0489	46.14	13.65	0.29	0.01	0.17	0.27	0.03	100.5	85.8
SD_16	39.78	0.0495	45.92	14.14	0.30	0.01	0.19	0.27	0.04	100.7	85.3
VEY_1	40.11	0.0336	49.57	9.40	0.29	0.01	0.15	0.40	0.07	100.0	90.4
VEY_3	39.85	0.2036	44.35	15.25	0.31	0.02	0.22	0.29	0.07	100.5	83.8
VEY_4	39.24	0.0265	44.39	15.46	0.20	0.01	0.21	0.29	0.02	99.8	83.6
VEY_5	39.67	0.0285	43.63	17.57	0.19	0.02	0.23	0.26	0.02	101.6	81.6
VEY_7	38.60	0.0302	43.01	17.98	0.20	0.01	0.25	0.23	0.03	100.3	81.0
VEY_8	40.59	0.0325	48.53	10.00	0.27	0.01	0.16	0.33	0.06	99.9	89.6
VEY_9	39.68	0.0287	44.39	15.65	0.20	0.02	0.22	0.25	0.03	100.4	83.5
VEY_10	39.67	0.0315	44.53	15.49	0.20	0.01	0.23	0.27	0.03	100.4	83.7
VEY_11	41.00	0.0389	49.61	9.02	0.26	0.00	0.13	0.43	0.06	100.5	90.7
VEY_12	40.93	0.0774	49.69	9.49	0.28	0.01	0.13	0.42	0.09	101.0	90.3
VEY_15	41.13	0.0280	47.12	11.84	0.22	0.00	0.18	0.37	0.05	100.9	87.6
VEY_16	39.22	0.0354	44.73	14.95	0.22	0.01	0.22	0.27	0.04	99.7	84.2
VP1a_2	40.69	0.0396	47.78	11.93	0.26	0.01	0.15	0.40	0.09	101.3	87.7
VP1a_3	40.62	0.0626	47.74	11.75	0.28	0.02	0.15	0.42		101.0	87.9
VP1a_5	39.62	0.0372	47.34	11.47	0.27	0.01	0.14	0.42	0.06	99.3	88.0
VP1a_6	40.17	0.0385	47.50	11.97	0.26	0.01	0.16	0.38	0.07	100.5	87.6
VP1a_7	40.04	0.0520	47.35	12.48	0.27	0.01	0.16	0.38	0.07	100.7	87.1
VP1a_8	39.58	0.0468	47.08	12.29	0.30	0.01	0.16	0.34	0.08	99.8	87.2
VP1a_10	40.04	0.0461	46.68	12.59	0.27	0.01	0.17	0.34	0.06	100.1	86.8
VP1a_11	40.99	0.0327	47.14	12.51	0.31	0.01	0.17	0.35	0.07	101.5	87.0
VP1a_13	40.23	0.0511	46.02	13.32	0.29	0.00	0.18	0.34	0.06	100.4	86.0
VP1a_15	40.30	0.0431	47.60	11.72	0.28	0.01	0.16	0.37	0.08	100.5	87.9
VP1a_16	40.26	0.0362	47.25	12.33	0.28	0.01	0.15	0.36	0.06	100.7	87.2
VP1a_17	40.09	0.0402	47.55	11.71	0.26	0.01	0.15	0.37	0.07	100.2	87.9
VP1b_1	40.09	0.0411	45.64	14.31	0.26	0.02	0.20	0.32	0.03	100.9	85.0
VP1b_3	40.05	0.0658	45.82	14.24	0.29	0.01	0.18	0.33	0.05	101.0	85.1
VP1b_4	39.51	0.1945	45.10	14.81	0.25	0.02	0.19	0.35	0.05	100.4	84.4
VP1b_7	40.00	0.0507	46.11	13.98	0.25	0.00	0.18	0.33	0.04	100.9	85.5
VP1b_8	39.77	0.0467	45.41	14.27	0.25	0.02	0.19	0.37	0.03	100.3	85.0
VP1b_10	39.95	0.0473	47.17	12.45	0.30	0.00	0.15	0.34	0.08	100.4	87.1
VP1b_11	40.73	0.0469	47.51	11.59	0.26	0.01	0.17	0.36	0.08	100.7	88.0
VP1b_13	40.30	0.0403	46.68	12.89	0.28	0.01	0.17	0.34	0.06	100.7	86.6
VP1b_14	40.17	0.0496	45.98	14.45	0.26	0.01	0.20	0.34	0.05	101.5	85.0
VP1b_16	39.59	0.0577	45.11	15.10	0.24	0.01	0.18	0.33	0.04	100.6	84.2
VP1b_17	40.25	0.0406	46.54	12.70	0.29	0.00	0.16	0.35	0.06	100.3	86.7
VP1b_18	39.60	0.0540	46.16	13.58	0.24	0.01	0.18	0.33	0.05	100.1	85.8

## E.1 Olivine core compositions

Table E.1: Major element abundances (wt%) in olivine cores determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
VP1b_19	39.71	0.0502	46.92	12.74	0.30	0.01	0.17	0.35	0.08	100.2	86.8
I1_1	38.67	0.0400	40.70	20.41	0.29	0.01	0.30	0.15	0.02	100.6	78.0
I1_3	38.31	0.0454	40.58	19.83	0.29	0.01	0.29	0.17	0.02	99.5	78.5
I1_8	38.19	0.0322	37.27	24.71	0.31	0.02	0.37	0.14	0.02	101.0	72.9
I1_12	38.01	0.0357	40.80	20.34	0.29	0.01	0.29	0.15	0.02	99.9	78.1
I1_13	38.85	0.0309	40.50	21.08	0.29	0.01	0.29	0.15	0.01	101.2	77.4
I1_16	37.26	0.0307	36.09	26.19	0.31	0.02	0.38	0.12	0.02	100.4	71.1
I1_20	39.00	0.0446	42.17	18.37	0.29	0.01	0.27	0.20	0.03	100.3	80.4
I1_21	38.62	0.0276	41.00	20.83	0.31	0.01	0.30	0.14	0.01	101.2	77.8
I1_22	38.05	0.0401	40.34	20.54	0.30	0.01	0.30	0.14	0.02	99.7	77.8
I2_1	40.61	0.0588	49.33	10.12	0.34	0.00	0.15	0.32	0.07	100.9	89.7
I2_4	40.66	0.0411	49.38	9.93	0.33	0.01	0.14	0.33	0.05	100.8	89.9
I2_6	40.60	0.0632	49.31	9.84	0.35	0.00	0.16	0.32	0.07	100.6	89.9
I2_8	40.28	0.0569	49.12	9.96	0.34	0.00	0.16	0.31	0.07	100.2	89.8
I2_11	40.75	0.0561	49.27	9.96	0.34	0.00	0.14	0.33	0.08	100.9	89.8
I2_13	40.02	0.0454	46.33	13.42	0.39	0.01	0.20	0.23	0.06	100.6	86.0
I2_14	40.80	0.0581	49.04	9.92	0.34	0.00	0.14	0.33	0.06	100.6	89.8
I2_16	39.53	0.0393	45.13	15.19	0.40	0.00	0.22	0.20	0.05	100.7	84.1
I2_17	40.79	0.0528	48.17	10.96	0.34	0.00	0.16	0.31	0.06	100.8	88.7
I2_18	40.96	0.0545	49.14	10.27	0.34	0.01	0.16	0.30	0.06	101.2	89.5
I2_20	41.14	0.0691	49.26	9.98	0.34	0.00	0.15	0.32	0.06	101.3	89.8
I3_1	39.03	0.0739	43.01	17.65	0.31	0.00	0.25	0.23	0.05	100.6	81.3
I3_2	39.97	0.0784	45.36	14.26	0.34	0.00	0.20	0.23	0.05	100.4	85.0
I3_6	39.85	0.0824	46.12	13.73	0.32	0.01	0.20	0.27	0.05	100.6	85.7
I3_7	39.50	0.0570	43.21	17.56	0.32	0.00	0.25	0.21	0.04	101.1	81.4
I3_8	40.12	0.0784	46.45	13.56	0.31	0.00	0.21	0.26	0.05	101.0	85.9
I3_10	39.94	0.0668	44.00	15.93	0.31	0.01	0.24	0.22	0.04	100.7	83.1
I3_11	40.41	0.0715	47.27	11.90	0.31	0.01	0.18	0.30	0.07	100.5	87.6
I3_14	40.18	0.0753	46.89	12.31	0.33	0.00	0.19	0.27	0.05	100.2	87.2
I5_1	40.68	0.0802	48.52	10.56	0.31	0.02	0.14	0.35	0.08	100.7	89.1
I5_2	40.73	0.0578	48.00	10.88	0.30	0.01	0.17	0.39	0.07	100.5	88.7
I5_4	39.95	0.0690	47.15	12.06	0.30	0.01	0.18	0.32	0.08	100.0	87.4
I5_6	40.34	0.0678	47.28	12.21	0.30	0.01	0.18	0.31	0.07	100.7	87.3
I5_7	40.47	0.0782	47.95	11.45	0.31	0.01	0.17	0.39	0.08	100.8	88.2
I5_8	40.76	0.0669	48.67	10.50	0.32	0.02	0.16	0.33	0.08	100.8	89.2
I5_10	40.75	0.0754	48.40	11.25	0.30	0.01	0.16	0.33	0.08	101.3	88.5
I5_13	40.83	0.0665	47.66	11.46	0.31	0.01	0.17	0.31	0.07	100.8	88.1
I5_15	40.44	0.0727	48.02	11.38	0.30	0.02	0.15	0.35	0.07	100.7	88.3
I5_16	40.47	0.0665	48.04	11.26	0.31	0.01	0.17	0.34	0.07	100.7	88.4
I5_20	40.68	0.0731	47.59	11.43	0.29	0.01	0.17	0.34	0.07	100.6	88.1
I5_21	39.91	0.0665	47.73	11.90	0.33	0.02	0.16	0.32	0.07	100.4	87.7
I5_23	40.77	0.0787	48.47	10.87	0.31	n.d.	0.15	0.32	0.08	101.0	88.8
I5_25	39.96	0.0677	48.29	11.28	0.32	n.d.	0.15	0.32	0.08	100.4	88.4
I5_27	40.34	0.0684	47.28	12.49	0.30	n.d.	0.18	0.30	0.07	101.0	87.1
I5_30	39.35	0.0735	48.03	10.55	0.28	n.d.	0.15	0.36	0.09	98.8	89.0
I5_32	40.25	0.0872	47.88	11.04	0.30	n.d.	0.15	0.36	0.09	100.1	88.5
I5_34	40.04	0.0747	47.79	10.92	0.30	n.d.	0.17	0.33	0.08	99.6	88.6
I5_37	40.86	0.0799	48.29	10.75	0.31	n.d.	0.14	0.37	0.08	100.8	88.9
I5_39	39.88	0.0787	48.21	10.63	0.28	n.d.	0.15	0.37	0.10	99.6	89.0
I5_42	39.65	0.0699	48.57	11.18	0.29	n.d.	0.16	0.37	0.09	100.3	88.6
I5_45	39.68	0.0764	48.22	11.30	0.27	n.d.	0.14	0.37	0.10	100.1	88.4
I6_1	41.47	0.0699	48.78	10.22	0.29	0.01	0.15	0.38	0.10	101.4	89.5
I6_2	40.98	0.0669	49.22	10.02	0.29	0.01	0.15	0.37	0.08	101.1	89.7
I6_5	40.76	0.0696	49.18	9.62	0.26	0.01	0.15	0.37	0.08	100.4	90.1
I6_6	40.69	0.0656	47.26	12.54	0.33	0.01	0.17	0.30	0.06	101.4	87.0
I6_7	40.59	0.0694	47.54	11.79	0.34	0.01	0.17	0.33	0.07	100.8	87.8
I6_8	40.09	0.0545	46.29	13.36	0.34	0.01	0.18	0.33	0.06	100.7	86.1
I6_9	41.31	0.0700	49.26	9.78	0.29	0.01	0.14	0.39	0.08	101.2	90.0
I6_11	40.59	0.0603	47.09	12.07	0.31	0.00	0.19	0.31	0.06	100.6	87.4
I6_12	37.20	0.0280	33.37	29.27	0.24	0.02	0.39	0.15	0.02	100.7	67.0
I6_13	40.70	0.0701	47.90	11.79	0.30	0.02	0.18	0.32	0.08	101.3	87.9
I6_14	40.46	0.0755	46.87	12.08	0.35	0.01	0.18	0.28	0.08	100.3	87.4
I6_15	40.43	0.0713	48.23	10.78	0.28	0.01	0.16	0.35	0.08	100.3	88.9
I6_17	40.09	0.0488	47.68	11.97	0.26	0.01	0.18	0.34	0.04	100.6	87.6
I6_20	39.99	0.0587	46.19	13.40	0.31	0.00	0.18	0.33	0.06	100.5	86.0
I6_22	41.33	0.0554	48.55	10.40	0.30	0.01	0.15	0.37	0.07	101.2	89.3
I7_1	39.43	0.0636	45.21	15.26	0.30	0.00	0.23	0.22	0.05	100.7	84.1
I7_2	39.82	0.0611	45.99	14.04	0.33	0.01	0.23	0.22	0.05	100.7	85.4
I7_3	40.04	0.0777	46.39	13.76	0.31	0.01	0.22	0.24	0.04	101.0	85.7

Table E.1: Major element abundances (wt%) in olivine cores determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
I7_4	39.80	0.0701	46.44	13.33	0.29	0.01	0.21	0.26	0.05	100.4	86.1
I7_6	40.27	0.0785	46.39	13.91	0.30	0.01	0.21	0.25	0.05	101.4	85.6
I7_7	40.34	0.0752	46.68	13.87	0.29	0.01	0.19	0.27	0.05	101.7	85.7
I7_9	39.36	0.0684	44.88	15.65	0.32	0.00	0.23	0.20	0.05	100.7	83.6
I7_11	39.57	0.0766	45.95	13.46	0.30	0.00	0.21	0.25	0.06	99.8	85.9
I7_13	39.54	0.0783	43.78	16.05	0.34	0.01	0.26	0.17	0.05	100.2	82.9
I7_15	40.66	0.0807	46.47	13.38	0.30	0.00	0.20	0.26	0.06	101.4	86.1
I7_17	39.32	0.0589	44.09	15.61	0.33	0.00	0.22	0.18	0.04	99.8	83.4
I7_18	40.01	0.1051	44.75	15.53	0.33	0.01	0.22	0.18	0.05	101.1	83.7
I7_19	40.21	0.0757	45.85	13.50	0.31	0.01	0.22	0.25	0.06	100.4	85.8
I8_5	40.41	0.1051	48.82	10.88	0.33	0.00	0.14	0.30	0.06	101.0	88.9
I8_6	41.07	0.0757	48.50	11.27	0.32	0.01	0.16	0.29	0.05	101.7	88.5
I8_9	40.84	0.0776	48.75	11.01	0.34	0.00	0.16	0.28	0.04	101.4	88.8
I8_12	39.90	0.0878	43.21	17.81	0.32	0.01	0.25	0.21	0.05	101.8	81.2
I8_13	41.67	0.0669	50.18	8.47	0.35	0.00	0.13	0.35	0.14	101.2	91.3
I8_17	40.57	0.0821	48.23	11.83	0.32	0.01	0.16	0.28	0.03	101.5	87.9
I8_19	40.73	0.0532	48.04	11.40	0.32	0.01	0.17	0.29	0.04	101.0	88.3
I9_1	39.99	0.0674	47.76	12.11	0.32	0.01	0.17	0.32	0.07	100.8	87.5
I9_2	40.90	0.0750	47.68	11.39	0.33	0.01	0.17	0.29	0.07	100.8	88.2
I9_3	40.54	0.0749	49.51	9.66	0.32	0.00	0.13	0.36	0.10	100.6	90.1
I9_5	41.33	0.1020	48.93	10.24	0.32	0.00	0.14	0.37	0.13	101.4	89.5
I9_9	40.45	0.0463	47.74	11.61	0.32	0.00	0.18	0.30	0.05	100.6	88.0
I9_10	40.68	0.0824	48.71	10.51	0.32	0.00	0.15	0.34	0.09	100.8	89.2
I9_13	40.41	0.0735	48.03	10.85	0.31	0.01	0.18	0.32	0.08	100.2	88.7
I9_16	39.60	0.0711	48.43	10.02	0.32	0.01	0.14	0.37	0.09	99.0	89.6
I9_24	39.99	0.0787	47.56	11.32	0.31	n.d.	0.16	0.32	0.09	99.7	88.2
I9_26	40.22	0.0851	48.54	9.80	0.31	n.d.	0.13	0.37	0.10	99.5	89.8
I9_28	40.60	0.0872	48.43	10.75	0.32	n.d.	0.17	0.33	0.10	100.7	88.9
I9_30	40.08	0.0836	48.10	11.34	0.32	n.d.	0.18	0.33	0.09	100.4	88.3
I9_32	39.55	0.0419	47.62	11.91	0.33	n.d.	0.18	0.31	0.04	99.9	87.7
I9_34	40.13	0.0519	47.70	12.05	0.33	n.d.	0.18	0.29	0.06	100.7	87.6
I9_36	40.12	0.0859	48.17	11.32	0.31	n.d.	0.17	0.33	0.08	100.5	88.3
I9_38	40.36	0.0701	48.42	10.93	0.31	n.d.	0.15	0.34	0.09	100.6	88.8
I9_40	39.82	0.0864	48.61	10.87	0.31	n.d.	0.17	0.36	0.10	100.2	88.8
I9_42	40.24	0.0384	48.18	11.22	0.29	n.d.	0.17	0.32	0.05	100.5	88.4

## E.2 Olivine rim compositions

Table E.2: Major element abundances (wt%) in olivine rims determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
S1_3	40.21	0.1114	51.01	8.28	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.42	n.d.	100.5	91.7
S1_15	40.85	0.1169	50.23	8.68	0.33	0.01	0.13	0.42	n.d.	100.8	91.2
S3_5	41.49	0.1343	50.00	8.31	0.31	0.01	0.12	0.39	n.d.	100.8	91.5
S5_8	41.17	0.1144	50.29	8.33	0.32	0.02	0.14	0.42	n.d.	100.8	91.5
S5_10	40.90	0.1342	50.06	8.17	0.38	0.01	0.12	0.39	n.d.	100.2	91.6
S5_20	40.01	0.1073	51.21	8.17	0.32	0.01	0.14	0.42	n.d.	100.4	91.8
S8_2	40.07	0.0985	50.36	9.24	0.28	0.01	0.12	0.39	n.d.	100.6	90.7
S8_7	41.04	0.1373	49.83	8.90	0.30	0.01	0.12	0.39	n.d.	100.7	90.9
S9_2	40.22	0.1149	49.35	9.67	0.31	0.01	0.14	0.41	0.13	100.4	90.1
S9_5	40.91	0.1492	49.87	8.58	0.31	0.01	0.13	0.39	0.15	100.5	91.2
S9_7	40.66	0.1446	49.58	8.80	0.31	0.00	0.12	0.41	0.14	100.2	90.9
S9_16	40.19	0.0981	49.42	9.59	0.32	0.01	0.13	0.39	0.13	100.3	90.2
S10_4	40.93	0.1243	50.96	7.86	0.30	0.01	0.13	0.41	n.d.	100.7	92.0
R10_2	39.46	0.1502	41.56	18.35	0.86	0.01	0.30	0.27	0.14	101.1	80.1
R10_5	39.94	0.0533	45.95	14.24	0.25	0.04	0.25	0.26	0.02	101.0	85.2
R10_7	40.09	0.0658	45.61	14.53	0.03	0.01	0.29	0.33	0.01	101.0	84.8
R10_10	38.90	0.0488	42.30	18.30	0.24	0.02	0.32	0.19	0.03	100.4	80.5
R10_13	39.42	0.0493	44.86	15.22	0.04	0.01	0.26	0.25	0.01	100.1	84.0
R10_15	38.86	0.0471	42.42	18.30	0.11	0.03	0.30	0.26	0.02	100.3	80.5

Table E.2: Major element abundances (wt%) in olivine rims determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
R10_17	38.85	0.0152	42.76	18.38	0.05	0.04	0.33	0.26	0.02	100.7	80.6
R10_23	39.67	0.124	46.47	13.54	0.43	0.01	0.23	0.30	0.07	100.8	85.9
MU1.1_2	40.27	0.0929	48.02	11.39	0.23	0.00	0.16	0.40	0.09	100.7	88.2
MU1.1_8	40.70	0.0811	48.25	11.14	0.27	0.01	0.17	0.38	0.10	101.1	88.5
MU1.1_16	39.74	0.1015	47.22	12.44	0.29	0.01	0.19	0.36	0.15	100.5	87.1
MU1.1_20	39.70	0.079	46.24	14.12	0.27	0.01	0.21	0.33	0.10	101.1	85.4
MU1.1_25	39.39	0.0469	44.81	15.19	0.25	0.01	0.25	0.29	0.04	100.3	84.0
MU1.1_28	39.43	0.0751	46.29	13.38	0.28	0.01	0.22	0.32	0.08	100.1	86.0
MU1.2_2	39.58	0.0454	45.73	14.51	0.18	0.02	0.24	0.30	0.05	100.7	84.9
MU1.2_9	40.35	0.04	47.03	12.56	0.16	0.03	0.18	0.34	0.06	100.8	87.0
MU1.2_15	38.59	0.0711	43.91	16.09	0.24	0.01	0.28	0.29	0.07	99.6	82.9
MU1.2_18	39.72	0.0331	46.15	13.38	0.17	0.02	0.21	0.31	0.03	100.0	86.0
MU1.2_25	39.57	0.0779	45.95	13.68	0.27	0.00	0.22	0.33	0.08	100.2	85.7
MU1.2_28	39.81	0.0482	45.14	14.31	0.24	0.01	0.24	0.30	0.04	100.2	84.9
MU2.2_4	39.69	0.0711	44.18	16.28	0.23	0.01	0.27	0.27	0.06	101.1	82.9
MU2.2_7	40.04	0.0253	46.92	12.05	0.17	0.03	0.19	0.31	0.03	99.8	87.4
MU2.2_10	39.12	0.0449	43.77	16.35	0.24	0.01	0.27	0.26	0.04	100.1	82.7
MU2.2_12	39.98	0.0444	46.07	13.53	0.27	0.01	0.23	0.32	0.05	100.5	85.8
MU2.2_14	39.82	0.0523	45.69	13.90	0.26	0.01	0.21	0.29	0.04	100.3	85.4
MU2.2_24	39.66	0.0422	45.96	13.60	0.24	0.00	0.22	0.30	0.05	100.1	85.8
MU3.1_2	40.20	0.1114	46.31	13.35	0.36	0.01	0.20	0.34	0.13	101.0	86.1
MU3.1_5	39.75	0.0822	46.47	13.36	0.29	0.01	0.21	0.33	0.08	100.6	86.1
MU3.1_7	39.86	0.0785	47.47	11.92	0.28	0.00	0.19	0.35	0.08	100.2	87.6
MU3.1_9	39.60	0.0472	45.00	15.48	0.18	0.02	0.24	0.31	0.05	100.9	83.8
PAD6_4	39.36	0.0438	45.97	13.78	0.36	0.01	0.20	0.29	0.05	100.0	85.6
PAD6_7	39.25	0.0454	46.53	13.38	0.34	0.01	0.20	0.35	0.05	100.2	86.1
PAD6_11	39.50	0.0441	46.33	13.35	0.35	0.01	0.20	0.29	0.06	100.1	86.1
PAD6_13	39.11	0.044	46.62	13.35	0.36	0.01	0.19	0.32	0.05	100.1	86.2
ED_9	40.36	0.0564	46.02	13.76	0.29	0.01	0.18	0.28	0.04	101.0	85.6
ED_18	40.29	0.0505	45.94	13.44	0.30	0.01	0.18	0.26	0.04	100.5	85.9
KoP_11	39.88	0.0583	46.27	13.14	0.32	0.01	0.20	0.28	0.05	100.2	86.3
KoP_17	40.32	0.0517	47.51	11.86	0.29	0.01	0.16	0.32	0.07	100.6	87.7
SD_3	39.99	0.0502	45.81	13.51	0.29	0.02	0.17	0.28	0.04	100.2	85.8
SD_15	40.00	0.0517	45.84	13.36	0.30	0.01	0.19	0.27	0.04	100.1	85.9
VEY_2	41.14	0.0395	49.73	9.36	0.30	0.01	0.15	0.38	0.07	101.2	90.4
VEY_6	39.26	0.027	44.16	15.78	0.20	0.01	0.23	0.29	0.03	100.0	83.3
VEY_13	39.94	0.0632	49.07	9.85	0.29	0.00	0.13	0.40	0.12	99.9	89.9
VP1a_4	40.68	0.0446	47.67	11.61	0.26	0.02	0.15	0.39	0.08	100.9	88.0
VP1a_14	39.98	0.0399	46.03	13.11	0.28	0.01	0.19	0.33	0.05	100.0	86.2
VP1b_2	39.12	0.0513	45.10	15.08	0.25	0.01	0.19	0.34	0.01	100.2	84.2
VP1b_12	39.73	0.049	47.53	12.09	0.28	0.01	0.15	0.35	0.08	100.3	87.5
12_2	41.41	0.0804	48.87	9.95	0.34	0.00	0.15	0.32	0.09	101.2	89.7
12_7	39.49	0.0443	43.49	17.48	0.38	0.01	0.22	0.23	0.05	101.4	81.6
12_9	39.36	0.0545	46.05	13.62	0.35	0.01	0.20	0.23	0.05	99.9	85.8
12_12	40.57	0.0502	47.01	12.59	0.38	0.01	0.18	0.28	0.06	101.1	86.9
12_19	40.90	0.0492	48.88	10.01	0.35	0.00	0.15	0.33	0.06	100.7	89.7
13_3	39.11	0.0455	42.32	18.54	0.35	0.01	0.28	0.18	0.04	100.9	80.3
13_12	39.30	0.0666	44.29	15.80	0.34	0.01	0.23	0.22	0.05	100.3	83.3
15_3	40.30	0.0509	45.37	13.45	0.31	0.02	0.19	0.30	0.06	100.1	85.7
15_9	39.50	0.0725	45.96	13.59	0.32	0.02	0.18	0.31	0.08	100.0	85.8
15_12	39.89	0.0624	45.69	14.55	0.31	0.03	0.22	0.29	0.07	101.1	84.8
15_14	40.39	0.0664	47.43	12.29	0.32	0.02	0.18	0.33	0.07	101.1	87.3
16_3	40.09	0.0659	44.14	15.65	0.28	0.01	0.19	0.35	0.10	100.9	83.4
16_10	40.58	0.0871	47.02	12.22	0.26	0.01	0.17	0.36	0.10	100.8	87.3
16_16	40.15	0.0658	46.94	12.82	0.28	0.01	0.17	0.35	0.09	100.9	86.7
16_18	39.64	0.045	43.09	18.04	0.26	0.01	0.21	0.32	0.04	101.7	81.0
17_5	38.94	0.0612	42.61	18.19	0.34	0.01	0.25	0.16	0.03	100.6	80.7
17_8	39.34	0.0628	42.52	18.87	0.33	0.00	0.26	0.16	0.03	101.6	80.1
17_12	39.10	0.0523	43.71	17.08	0.35	0.01	0.26	0.15	0.04	100.8	82.0
17_16	39.08	0.0585	43.26	17.20	0.33	0.01	0.26	0.17	0.04	100.4	81.8
19_4	40.22	0.0594	47.70	12.36	0.34	0.01	0.18	0.29	0.05	101.2	87.3
19_6	40.17	0.0665	47.46	11.82	0.35	0.01	0.18	0.28	0.05	100.4	87.7
19_14	40.09	0.0583	47.47	11.78	0.34	0.01	0.18	0.29	0.05	100.3	87.8

## E.3 Olivine matrix compositions

Table E.3: Major element abundances (wt%) in matrix olivine determined by EPMA. n.d. = not determined.

Data point	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	MgO	FeO	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	Total	Mg#
S1_26	40.16	0.0652	45.88	14.67	0.36	0.01	0.19	0.28	n.d.	101.6	84.8
S1_27	40.72	0.0805	48.62	10.64	0.34	0.01	0.17	0.34	n.d.	100.9	89.1
S1_37	40.05	0.0856	48.52	10.85	0.36	0.01	0.17	0.35	0.11	100.5	88.9
S1_41	39.23	0.076	47.95	11.87	0.36	0.01	0.18	0.31	0.08	100.1	87.8
S3_11	40.10	0.0873	48.25	10.85	0.34	0.00	0.17	0.32	n.d.	100.1	88.8
S3_12	40.52	0.0967	48.99	10.26	0.36	0.01	0.16	0.37	n.d.	100.8	89.5
S3_39	39.69	0.0747	48.46	10.33	0.34	0.01	0.17	0.33	0.09	99.5	89.3
S3_40	39.23	0.0821	47.67	12.12	0.35	0.01	0.18	0.31	0.07	100.0	87.5
S3_41	39.15	0.1079	48.56	10.52	0.35	0.01	0.17	0.35	0.11	99.3	89.2
S5_12	41.09	0.1166	49.84	9.96	0.34	0.01	0.14	0.36	n.d.	101.9	89.9
S7_2	40.17	0.0781	48.79	10.99	0.29	0.02	0.16	0.35	0.09	100.9	88.8
S7_16	40.08	0.0732	48.98	10.47	0.31	0.01	0.16	0.39	0.10	100.6	89.3
S8_20	38.64	0.1243	46.15	13.95	0.31	0.01	0.18	0.24	n.d.	99.6	85.5
S8_33	40.19	0.0732	48.33	11.56	0.31	0.01	0.17	0.35	0.08	101.1	88.2
S8_34	40.31	0.0896	48.59	10.97	0.30	0.01	0.17	0.32	0.13	100.9	88.8
S8_35	39.97	0.069	48.42	11.63	0.32	0.01	0.17	0.33	0.08	101.0	88.1
S8_36	40.09	0.0648	47.47	12.24	0.33	0.01	0.17	0.28	0.07	100.7	87.4
S8_37	39.75	0.0829	49.32	10.28	0.30	0.01	0.16	0.38	0.11	100.4	89.5
S9_14	41.07	0.0721	49.32	8.55	0.31	0.00	0.13	0.37	0.11	99.9	91.1
S10_13	40.41	0.094	49.92	9.63	0.32	0.01	0.15	0.41	n.d.	100.9	90.2
S10_19	39.79	0.0842	48.89	9.56	0.32	0.01	0.15	0.37	0.09	99.3	90.1
S10_27	40.48	0.067	48.40	11.14	0.34	0.01	0.17	0.32	0.08	101.0	88.6
S10_43	39.99	0.0883	48.72	10.47	0.34	0.01	0.16	0.35	0.12	100.3	89.2
MU1.2_11	39.18	0.0523	44.27	16.83	0.20	0.01	0.28	0.28	0.05	101.1	82.4
MU1.2_13	39.57	0.0503	44.47	15.19	0.29	0.01	0.24	0.31	0.05	100.2	83.9
MU1.2_20	39.51	0.0817	44.60	15.61	0.25	0.01	0.25	0.30	0.06	100.7	83.6
MU1.2_21	39.04	0.0581	44.65	16.17	0.18	0.02	0.27	0.29	0.04	100.7	83.1
MU1.2_22	38.99	0.046	44.02	16.29	0.21	0.01	0.26	0.28	0.02	100.1	82.8
MU1.2_23	38.65	0.0448	43.27	17.33	0.25	0.03	0.29	0.28	0.02	100.2	81.6
I2_13	40.02	0.0454	46.33	13.42	0.39	0.01	0.20	0.23	0.06	100.7	86.0
I2_16	39.53	0.0393	45.13	15.19	0.40	0.00	0.22	0.20	0.05	100.8	84.1
I3_5	39.64	0.0801	42.62	17.95	0.36	0.01	0.27	0.17	0.04	101.1	80.9
I3_9'	39.25	0.0565	42.52	18.20	0.36	0.01	0.27	0.18	0.03	100.9	80.6
I5_17	39.63	0.048	43.43	16.94	0.33	0.02	0.24	0.21	0.05	100.9	82.0
I5_22	39.53	0.0422	42.73	17.99	0.38	0.02	0.26	0.18	0.04	101.2	80.9
I7_10	39.29	0.048	40.93	19.78	0.39	0.01	0.29	0.13	0.02	100.9	78.7
I8_18	40.30	0.057	47.32	12.63	0.36	0.00	0.19	0.24	0.07	101.2	87.0
I9_12	16.85	0.1943	0.01	43.77	0.02	0.45	0.02	0.26	0.04	61.6	0.0



# Appendix F. Spinel compositions

Table F.1: Major element abundances (wt%) of Cr-spinel determined by EPMA.

Data point	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	MgO	FeO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	ZnO	Total
S1_22	41.81	0.13	15.44	16.80	25.13	0.01	0.39	0.18	0.23	0.03	100.1
S1_23	41.79	0.15	17.31	13.60	25.96	0.01	0.35	0.17	0.26	0.04	99.6
S1_24	39.07	0.17	17.49	14.10	28.57	0.02	0.36	0.12	0.29	0.05	100.2
S1_25	43.19	0.15	16.91	13.50	24.52	0.00	0.37	0.16	0.25	0.03	99.1
S1_31	43.40	0.14	16.50	13.99	25.01	0.01	0.30	0.19	0.27	0.02	99.8
S1_32	43.49	0.15	16.55	13.92	25.08	0.01	0.32	0.17	0.25	0.04	100.0
S1_34	39.40	0.14	17.18	14.12	28.89	0.02	0.35	0.14	0.29	0.04	100.6
S1_36	42.12	0.17	16.83	13.91	25.86	0.00	0.41	0.16	0.25	0.03	99.7
S1_39	41.37	0.17	17.16	13.37	27.03	0.01	0.27	0.17	0.26	0.05	99.9
S1_40	41.98	0.17	16.75	13.48	26.23	0.01	0.36	0.16	0.24	0.06	99.4
S2_5	42.26	0.18	16.74	14.18	25.61	0.01	0.51	0.16	0.26	0.04	99.9
S2_7	36.32	0.31	17.65	14.22	30.83	0.01	0.35	0.14	0.28	0.04	100.1
S3_6	42.36	0.15	16.61	14.93	25.99	0.01	0.41	0.18	0.23	0.05	100.9
S3_10	43.23	0.16	16.36	14.42	25.05	0.01	0.27	0.17	0.21	0.00	99.9
S3_26	36.57	0.19	17.01	13.95	31.11	0.00	0.26	0.15	0.30	0.05	99.6
S3_28	43.01	0.14	16.63	13.59	25.77	0.01	0.29	0.15	0.26	0.02	99.9
S3_30	34.93	1.16	15.49	19.42	21.39	0.00	0.27	0.29	0.26	0.05	93.3
S3_32	41.13	0.17	16.74	13.70	26.85	0.01	0.33	0.18	0.29	0.04	99.4
S3_34	40.76	0.18	16.79	13.81	26.79	0.00	0.43	0.18	0.26	0.03	99.2
S3_35	40.78	0.17	16.83	13.46	26.98	0.01	0.33	0.15	0.27	0.03	99.0
S3_36	40.90	0.18	16.68	13.38	27.16	0.01	0.40	0.17	0.27	0.03	99.2
S3_37	41.06	0.18	16.65	14.14	27.16	0.00	0.32	0.16	0.26	0.02	100.0
S5_4	43.08	0.17	17.48	13.32	26.31	0.01	0.32	0.17	0.26	0.05	101.2
S5_17	42.56	0.17	17.50	13.37	26.40	0.02	0.40	0.15	0.26	0.03	100.9
S5_22	43.03	0.16	17.27	13.23	26.10	0.01	0.34	0.13	0.27	0.06	100.6
S5_26	37.07	0.16	16.59	16.16	28.47	0.01	0.54	0.17	0.27	0.05	99.5
S5_27	42.49	0.19	17.37	13.29	25.79	0.07	0.34	0.18	0.27	0.03	100.0
S5_34	43.05	0.18	16.93	13.48	25.62	0.00	0.40	0.14	0.26	0.03	100.1
S5_36	43.35	0.16	17.06	13.39	25.52	0.00	0.44	0.17	0.25	0.05	100.4
S5_37	42.56	0.17	17.02	12.93	25.30	0.01	0.40	0.17	0.26	0.03	98.8
S5_38	39.78	0.18	16.94	13.73	27.03	0.00	0.33	0.14	0.27	0.04	98.5
S5_41	42.46	0.18	16.99	13.08	26.41	0.00	0.40	0.15	0.27	0.02	100.0
S5_45	43.60	0.17	16.85	13.25	25.26	0.01	0.41	0.15	0.25	0.03	100.0
S5_47	39.53	0.15	15.97	16.01	26.73	0.01	0.32	0.18	0.24	0.01	99.2
S5_48	39.46	0.16	16.02	15.95	26.28	0.01	0.30	0.17	0.23	0.03	98.6
S5_49	39.33	0.16	16.23	15.75	27.48	0.01	0.33	0.18	0.24	0.04	99.8
S5_50	43.24	0.16	16.81	13.91	25.41	0.01	0.45	0.16	0.24	0.02	100.4
S6_4	42.12	0.17	16.86	13.48	25.88	0.01	0.32	0.15	0.24	0.03	99.3
S6_7	42.76	0.18	17.12	13.30	25.58	0.04	0.38	0.17	0.25	0.03	99.8
S7_6	38.11	0.14	16.49	15.49	28.39	0.02	0.38	0.18	0.27	0.03	99.5
S7_14	37.24	0.15	16.42	15.98	28.76	0.00	0.33	0.16	0.25	0.05	99.3
S8_5	38.55	0.13	15.89	17.82	27.02	0.00	0.43	0.17	0.22	0.06	100.3
S8_15	40.24	0.14	16.66	16.17	26.29	0.01	0.37	0.16	0.25	0.03	100.3
S8_25	39.23	0.16	16.95	15.14	28.47	0.01	0.50	0.17	0.27	0.02	100.9
S8_27	38.37	0.14	16.75	15.31	28.53	0.01	0.45	0.19	0.26	0.04	100.0
S8_30	39.41	0.14	16.20	15.98	27.70	0.00	0.32	0.18	0.25	0.06	100.3
S8_32	40.52	0.16	15.68	16.22	25.63	0.03	0.46	0.19	0.29	0.02	99.2
S8_39	38.10	0.15	16.94	15.21	28.87	0.01	0.37	0.15	0.26	0.03	100.1
S9_3	34.77	0.22	17.92	13.48	32.12	0.00	0.34	0.13	0.31	0.04	99.4
S9_8	43.29	0.21	16.73	13.57	24.48	0.02	0.40	0.16	0.25	0.03	99.1
S9_20	43.28	0.24	16.74	13.62	24.67	0.01	0.33	0.15	0.26	0.02	99.3
S10_21	44.92	0.19	16.40	13.67	23.29	0.01	0.37	0.18	0.26	0.03	99.3
S10_23	44.04	0.18	16.60	13.33	23.92	0.00	0.39	0.16	0.25	0.03	98.9
S10_26	43.90	0.19	16.44	13.88	24.08	0.01	0.36	0.17	0.23	0.05	99.3
S10_29	41.00	0.23	17.05	13.44	26.40	0.00	0.35	0.15	0.26	0.02	98.9
S10_32	43.86	0.19	17.16	12.49	24.21	0.00	0.18	0.16	0.26	0.03	98.6
S10_34	44.52	0.19	16.66	13.35	23.93	0.03	0.40	0.16	0.27	0.02	99.5

Table F.1: Major element abundances (wt%) of Cr-spinel determined by EPMA.

Data point	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	MgO	FeO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	ZnO	Total
S10_36	44.37	0.16	16.59	13.69	24.22	0.01	0.37	0.17	0.25	0.04	99.9
S10_38	44.39	0.17	16.67	13.19	24.04	0.01	0.38	0.16	0.27	0.01	99.3
S10_40	34.64	0.20	17.85	13.01	33.20	0.00	0.42	0.14	0.32	0.04	99.8
R10_8	32.39	0.12	9.66	30.12	26.61	0.02	0.72	0.31	0.20	0.21	100.4
R10_20	29.41	0.21	10.67	27.16	30.30	0.01	0.47	0.30	0.17	0.15	98.9
M9_2	44.98	0.11	14.79	18.05	21.81	0.01	0.62	0.22	0.23	0.04	100.9
M9_4	44.35	0.14	15.09	17.20	22.59	0.01	0.62	0.21	0.24	0.08	100.5
M9_6	42.70	0.16	14.33	18.14	23.59	0.02	0.54	0.23	0.21	0.04	99.9
M9_10	42.67	0.11	11.87	23.84	20.36	0.01	0.71	0.38	0.18	0.15	100.3
M9_14	43.46	0.11	13.13	20.24	21.59	0.03	0.54	0.26	0.18	0.04	99.6
M9_16	43.82	0.20	13.52	19.92	21.56	0.02	0.56	0.23	0.21	0.04	100.1
M9_18	44.90	0.10	14.56	18.40	21.49	0.01	0.63	0.22	0.22	0.03	100.6
M9_22	44.40	0.15	15.33	17.18	21.41	0.01	0.59	0.22	0.24	0.04	99.6
M9_24	44.31	0.18	15.17	17.39	22.34	0.01	0.61	0.20	0.23	0.03	100.5
M9_26	43.98	0.27	13.84	19.25	21.40	0.02	0.56	0.31	0.21	0.08	99.9
MU1.1_3	43.99	0.22	16.25	13.76	25.88	0.00	0.32	0.17	0.24	0.02	100.8
MU1.1_4	40.54	0.20	11.30	22.84	24.04	0.02	0.31	0.32	0.19	0.07	99.8
MU1.1_10	42.30	0.21	14.45	18.35	24.49	0.01	0.29	0.23	0.21	0.06	100.6
MU1.1_21	38.80	0.24	16.03	15.48	28.31	0.01	0.32	0.17	0.26	0.06	99.7
MU1.1_26	40.15	0.22	11.15	23.00	23.51	0.02	0.31	0.29	0.12	0.11	98.9
MU1.1_29	41.98	0.25	15.21	15.58	25.16	0.01	0.26	0.19	0.23	0.05	98.9
MU1.2_3	42.54	0.60	14.21	17.46	24.61	0.03	0.37	0.24	0.21	0.07	100.3
MU1.2_16	41.61	0.18	12.00	22.77	22.91	0.02	0.32	0.28	0.18	0.11	100.4
MU1.2_19	41.12	0.15	12.49	22.74	22.62	0.01	0.39	0.25	0.18	0.11	100.1
MU2.2_2	41.64	0.34	14.97	15.70	25.93	0.02	0.32	0.22	0.23	0.03	99.4
MU2.2_8	42.14	0.19	14.31	17.24	25.85	0.00	0.29	0.22	0.21	0.06	100.5
MU2.2_16	41.94	0.22	15.21	15.90	26.33	0.01	0.29	0.20	0.19	0.03	100.3
MU2.2_17	42.46	0.20	15.04	15.58	26.32	0.01	0.40	0.22	0.17	0.04	100.4
MU2.2_20	42.56	0.52	15.76	13.81	26.20	0.01	0.29	0.20	0.20	0.06	99.6
MU2.2_25	43.38	0.22	15.89	14.46	26.27	0.01	0.30	0.16	0.22	0.05	101.0
MU3.1_3	41.61	0.23	14.72	17.07	25.69	0.00	0.31	0.21	0.23	0.08	100.2
MU3.1_10	41.12	0.23	15.97	15.25	26.72	0.01	0.34	0.20	0.24	0.05	100.1
MU3.1_11	31.97	0.18	6.17	46.61	8.20	0.00	3.88	0.44	0.19	0.15	97.8
MU3.1_16	41.19	0.21	12.45	22.85	22.54	0.04	0.28	0.27	0.15	0.09	100.1
APO4_8	45.71	0.08	12.10	21.76	19.19	0.07	0.35	0.23	0.17	0.08	99.7
APO4_9	48.29	0.09	12.47	20.30	18.35	0.03	0.35	0.23	0.17	0.06	100.3
APO7_7	49.02	0.19	15.61	13.58	20.53	0.02	0.50	0.20	0.24	0.04	99.9
APO7_8	50.14	0.19	15.29	14.32	20.07	0.01	0.44	0.21	0.21	0.00	100.9
DUR6_3	47.87	0.14	15.68	13.73	21.68	0.02	0.39	0.19	0.22	0.07	100.0
DUR6_6	41.64	0.09	8.93	31.12	17.20	0.01	0.95	0.29	0.15	0.11	100.5
DUR6_8	47.73	0.09	13.96	17.73	19.56	0.00	0.44	0.22	0.21	0.08	100.0
DUR8_3	47.65	0.09	11.95	19.76	19.97	0.01	0.24	0.24	0.16	0.06	100.1
DUR8_6	41.40	0.08	12.41	22.12	22.90	0.01	0.57	0.25	0.18	0.07	100.0
DUR8_8	50.56	0.09	13.09	17.65	18.47	0.00	0.39	0.22	0.19	0.08	100.7
PAD4_7	49.32	0.12	14.73	14.44	21.37	0.03	0.36	0.21	0.21	0.09	100.9
PAD4_8	47.61	0.10	11.34	15.91	22.34	0.01	0.39	0.19	0.20	0.09	98.2
PAD5_8	47.01	0.13	13.56	17.75	20.03	0.02	0.35	0.22	0.18	0.07	99.3
PAD5_9	49.02	0.15	15.48	13.92	20.90	0.02	0.62	0.19	0.24	0.05	100.6
PAD5_10	49.06	0.14	15.68	13.14	21.08	0.00	0.48	0.18	0.23	0.05	100.0
PAD6_2	44.93	0.10	14.95	16.29	22.40	0.01	0.50	0.19	0.25	0.05	99.7
PAD6_9	49.75	0.17	14.74	15.10	19.55	0.01	0.28	0.20	0.20	0.07	100.1
PAD6_14	49.66	0.15	14.80	14.77	19.81	0.01	0.24	0.19	0.21	0.07	99.9
PAD6_16	46.84	0.10	13.09	19.43	19.56	0.01	0.36	0.23	0.18	0.06	99.9
138345_2	49.22	0.16	14.36	15.98	19.16	0.01	0.55	0.19	0.19	0.10	99.9
138345_7	49.62	0.13	15.00	15.15	19.48	0.00	0.60	0.19	0.21	0.07	100.5
138345_11	48.50	0.07	9.93	25.64	14.36	0.02	0.34	0.27	0.17	0.11	99.4
138345_13	33.16	0.07	10.17	31.03	23.44	0.01	0.71	0.27	0.20	0.12	99.2
138345_17	31.46	0.07	10.34	31.03	23.92	0.02	0.97	0.27	0.22	0.12	98.4
138345_19	31.15	0.06	8.64	38.86	16.25	0.05	2.89	0.29	0.20	0.12	98.5
340740_2	44.01	0.12	14.62	18.65	20.46	0.02	0.81	0.21	0.26	0.09	99.2
340740_4	45.14	0.17	15.72	15.72	22.06	0.01	0.86	0.18	0.28	0.07	100.2
340740_9	48.39	0.13	14.09	18.27	17.25	0.03	0.58	0.21	0.24	0.08	99.3
340740_12	49.11	0.15	15.58	14.08	19.69	0.01	0.60	0.19	0.26	0.07	99.7
340740_14	48.80	0.16	15.41	15.16	19.38	0.00	0.72	0.20	0.25	0.05	100.1
354754_2	37.53	0.05	11.95	24.43	22.52	0.01	0.61	0.24	0.21	0.07	97.6
354754_5	42.11	0.08	9.74	31.23	15.44	0.01	0.61	0.28	0.21	0.10	99.8
354754_10	34.34	0.09	10.68	28.65	23.55	0.02	0.71	0.27	0.22	0.12	98.6
354754_12	35.55	0.07	10.71	31.19	19.69	0.01	0.55	0.27	0.21	0.08	98.3
362077_2	49.22	0.15	16.12	13.04	20.80	0.00	0.61	0.18	0.23	0.04	100.4
362077_4	48.23	0.13	14.82	15.93	20.10	0.01	0.53	0.21	0.22	0.07	100.2

Table F.1: Major element abundances (wt%) of Cr-spinel determined by EPMA.

Data point	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	SiO <sub>2</sub>	MgO	FeO	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	CaO	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	NiO	ZnO	Total
362077_7	48.64	0.19	15.47	14.65	20.45	0.00	0.46	0.19	0.25	0.04	100.4
362077_11	45.42	0.13	12.37	22.56	18.34	0.08	0.69	0.24	0.16	0.06	100.1
400230_2	45.85	0.09	12.76	20.85	18.79	0.01	0.72	0.24	0.21	0.08	99.6
400230_4	47.86	0.13	14.30	17.49	19.46	0.00	0.61	0.22	0.24	0.08	100.4
400230_8	46.38	0.07	12.42	21.13	19.09	0.01	0.72	0.23	0.23	0.09	100.4
400230_11	44.05	0.08	11.70	24.33	18.46	0.01	0.65	0.23	0.19	0.08	99.8
400230_14	40.85	0.11	16.46	13.72	26.29	0.01	0.61	0.16	0.31	0.05	98.6
400230_17	47.75	0.12	12.50	21.00	17.85	0.01	0.75	0.23	0.20	0.10	100.5
400230_19	39.58	0.09	12.39	24.27	22.02	0.01	1.00	0.23	0.21	0.08	99.9
ED_5	20.27	0.18	15.13	22.13	39.71	0.01	0.95	0.16	0.22	0.10	98.9
ED_12	24.82	0.17	14.96	21.18	35.83	0.01	0.90	0.17	0.23	0.10	98.4
KoP_3	40.55	0.19	13.76	19.66	24.31	0.02	0.53	0.20	0.23	0.09	99.5
KoP_14	23.27	0.17	14.24	23.96	35.56	0.00	0.79	0.17	0.23	0.08	98.5
SAU3199_3	33.55	0.14	11.86	23.55	28.00	0.01	0.77	0.23	0.19	0.07	98.4
SAU3199_4	34.59	0.14	12.95	22.11	27.88	0.00	0.98	0.22	0.20	0.09	99.2
SAU3199_6	30.06	0.15	13.36	21.46	32.10	0.00	0.92	0.20	0.23	0.08	98.6
SAU3199_11	32.36	0.15	13.80	21.21	30.74	0.00	0.83	0.20	0.22	0.10	99.6
SD_2	31.68	0.14	13.76	22.50	29.05	0.02	0.89	0.21	0.22	0.09	98.6
SD_5	36.42	0.15	12.74	23.69	23.62	0.01	0.88	0.22	0.18	0.06	98.0
SD_11	30.81	0.16	13.85	22.99	28.78	0.01	1.05	0.19	0.23	0.08	98.1
VEY_14	40.21	0.16	13.13	15.89	28.24	0.02	0.31	0.19	0.21	0.12	98.5
VP1a_1	42.25	0.15	12.84	21.09	21.89	0.02	0.86	0.22	0.23	0.10	99.6
VP1a_9	39.45	0.16	12.09	21.52	23.27	0.01	1.15	0.23	0.19	0.10	98.2
VP1a_12	37.68	0.14	12.03	23.21	24.48	0.01	1.00	0.22	0.22	0.10	99.1
VP1b_6	30.38	0.15	13.08	21.80	31.65	0.01	1.13	0.18	0.25	0.15	98.8
VP1b_9	43.47	0.14	11.74	23.24	19.03	0.01	1.03	0.25	0.20	0.11	99.2
VP1b_15	33.69	0.14	12.33	23.58	27.17	0.01	1.05	0.22	0.24	0.12	98.5
I2_3	38.33	0.11	16.17	14.27	29.94	0.00	0.17	0.17	0.21	0.06	99.4
I2_10	39.51	0.13	15.84	14.64	29.06	0.01	0.13	0.17	0.20	0.04	99.7
I2_21	37.59	0.12	14.46	16.64	29.49	0.02	0.23	0.20	0.19	0.05	99.0
I2_22	43.33	0.12	15.52	14.76	26.31	0.00	0.17	0.19	0.17	0.03	100.6
I3_4	36.12	0.90	11.59	25.02	25.05	0.07	0.66	0.25	0.12	0.08	99.8
I3_9	36.42	0.17	11.76	26.47	24.76	0.02	0.33	0.25	0.16	0.10	100.4
I5_5	40.28	0.11	13.63	22.39	22.57	0.01	1.18	0.23	0.22	0.07	100.7
I5_11	41.61	0.10	14.52	20.23	22.40	0.00	0.94	0.20	0.20	0.05	100.3
I5_18	46.67	0.10	14.54	18.24	19.16	0.00	0.97	0.21	0.20	0.06	100.2
I5_24	40.58	0.18	14.85	19.76	23.38	0.00	0.98	0.20	0.21	0.08	100.2
I5_26	39.46	0.15	14.77	20.15	23.64	0.01	0.95	0.20	0.22	0.06	99.6
I5_28	42.43	0.11	13.69	22.05	20.27	0.00	0.95	0.22	0.20	0.07	100.0
I5_29	41.96	0.11	14.23	20.67	22.21	0.04	1.24	0.20	0.20	0.07	101.0
I5_31	42.37	0.08	14.30	20.50	21.85	0.01	0.97	0.21	0.23	0.06	100.6
I5_33	40.40	0.10	14.13	19.75	23.50	0.55	1.16	0.22	0.19	0.07	100.1
I5_35	41.28	0.10	15.14	19.32	22.49	0.01	0.99	0.21	0.20	0.05	99.8
I5_36	41.06	0.08	14.76	20.25	23.08	0.01	1.05	0.20	0.27	0.07	100.8
I5_40	43.03	0.14	14.66	19.57	21.62	0.01	1.01	0.19	0.23	0.05	100.5
I5_41	39.52	0.15	14.72	21.00	23.20	0.01	1.15	0.21	0.23	0.03	100.2
I5_43	39.57	0.09	15.42	19.43	23.88	0.00	1.05	0.17	0.26	0.05	99.9
I5_44	39.13	0.14	14.28	21.37	24.00	0.01	1.12	0.23	0.22	0.07	100.6
I5_46	44.32	0.14	14.29	19.67	19.88	0.01	0.91	0.22	0.23	0.05	99.7
I6_4	43.13	0.13	15.29	17.22	22.35	0.00	0.77	0.19	0.24	0.05	99.4
I9_11	36.04	0.15	15.30	17.12	30.27	0.01	0.32	0.18	0.20	0.06	99.7
I9_17	34.87	0.19	15.87	18.05	30.87	0.03	0.29	0.18	0.22	0.08	100.6
I9_18	33.56	0.14	15.90	18.30	31.51	0.04	0.31	0.19	0.22	0.03	100.2
I9_19	33.73	0.13	15.77	18.15	31.48	0.01	0.37	0.18	0.21	0.06	100.1
I9_20	33.21	0.16	15.50	18.91	32.00	0.04	0.36	0.19	0.22	0.04	100.6
I9_21	33.83	0.18	16.12	17.55	32.34	0.01	0.28	0.18	0.22	0.07	100.8
I9_23	35.04	0.14	16.34	16.84	32.03	0.00	0.28	0.19	0.23	0.06	101.2
I9_24	34.48	0.13	15.82	17.43	30.91	0.01	0.34	0.20	0.21	0.05	99.6
I9_27	35.43	0.16	17.09	15.04	32.33	0.01	0.28	0.18	0.25	0.07	100.8
I9_29	35.58	0.19	16.41	15.75	30.98	0.00	0.28	0.19	0.22	0.06	99.7
I9_31	35.78	0.19	15.87	17.15	30.32	0.02	0.31	0.19	0.24	0.06	100.1
I9_33	33.97	0.17	15.57	18.52	30.62	0.05	0.36	0.19	0.21	0.07	99.7
I9_35	34.38	0.14	15.58	18.76	29.98	0.04	0.35	0.18	0.21	0.05	99.7
I9_37	34.00	1.04	15.90	16.73	30.70	0.03	0.29	0.16	0.22	0.05	99.1
I9_39	34.98	0.16	15.75	18.19	30.97	0.03	0.30	0.20	0.20	0.05	100.8
I9_41	34.46	0.25	16.00	17.17	31.31	0.01	0.30	0.18	0.23	0.07	100.0

# Appendix G. Olivine-melt thermometry primary melt compositions

Table G.1: The primary melt composition for each sample calculated for olivine-melt thermometry where  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.1$ . All oxides and olivine added are in wt %.

Sample	Olivine added	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO <sub>T</sub>	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	Total
S1	-18.4	45.3	11.7	11.0	21.0	9.2	0.9	0.05	0.56	0.18	100.0
S2	-40.6	45.5	11.5	11.9	22.2	7.8	0.4	0.12	0.49	0.19	100.0
S3	-8.5	45.3	11.5	10.7	21.0	9.3	1.4	0.13	0.55	0.17	100.0
S5	-21.9	45.4	11.4	11.3	21.8	8.6	0.8	0.09	0.52	0.17	100.0
S6	-40.9	45.1	11.5	12.5	21.1	8.6	0.5	0.07	0.54	0.20	100.0
S7	-17.4	45.8	11.4	11.5	20.1	9.1	1.0	0.13	0.77	0.17	100.0
S8	-11.8	45.9	11.5	11.3	20.4	9.0	0.9	0.12	0.77	0.17	100.0
S9	-1.9	45.8	10.8	11.0	21.8	8.7	0.8	0.27	0.65	0.17	100.0
S10	4.2	45.3	10.5	10.6	23.3	8.8	0.6	0.15	0.57	0.17	100.0
M9	-35.9	43.1	8.5	12.6	27.0	6.5	1.2	0.12	0.77	0.20	99.9
R10	-47.4	43.7	11.8	14.0	18.9	8.7	1.6	0.07	0.95	0.20	100.0
MU1.1	-6.7	45.3	10.4	10.8	23.1	8.6	0.9	0.08	0.56	0.17	100.0
MU1.2	-38.3	45.6	13.1	11.2	18.2	9.9	1.1	0.14	0.58	0.19	100.0
MU2.2	-16.6	44.9	11.1	10.7	22.8	8.8	1.0	0.15	0.52	0.17	100.0
MU3.1	-26.8	45.2	10.7	11.7	22.0	8.4	1.1	0.18	0.60	0.18	100.0
PAD4	4.4	46.5	10.6	10.1	21.9	8.8	1.0	0.03	0.75	0.18	100.0
PAD5	4.7	47.0	11.3	9.8	20.0	9.8	1.2	0.03	0.77	0.18	100.0
PAD6	10.2	47.1	11.1	9.9	20.4	9.4	1.2	0.03	0.78	0.17	100.0
DUR6	13.4	47.2	11.0	9.7	20.6	9.3	1.2	0.04	0.68	0.17	100.0
DUR8	-10.8	46.1	11.1	11.4	19.8	9.2	1.3	0.05	0.82	0.20	100.0
AP04	-21.4	48.0	13.0	9.9	15.7	11.0	1.4	0.04	0.79	0.18	100.0
AP07	-3.6	45.9	9.2	10.3	24.5	8.1	1.0	0.03	0.75	0.17	100.0
138345	0.8	45.3	10.1	10.6	23.6	8.2	1.0	0.23	0.87	0.17	100.0
340740	7.4	44.9	9.6	10.7	23.0	9.3	1.2	0.06	1.13	0.18	100.0
354754	3.0	45.6	10.4	11.1	21.6	8.7	1.2	0.17	0.91	0.18	100.0
362077	-11.2	44.9	10.1	11.2	22.3	9.1	1.3	0.04	0.85	0.19	99.9
400230	3.3	45.6	10.4	11.1	21.7	8.7	1.2	0.16	0.91	0.18	100.0
I2	-34.5	46.1	12.9	10.7	17.8	11.0	1.0	0.01	0.36	0.17	100.0
I3	7.1	47.9	13.6	11.2	12.9	12.1	1.3	0.05	0.69	0.18	100.0
I5	-31.3	45.6	11.0	12.8	17.4	10.2	1.3	0.05	1.38	0.21	100.0
I6	8.7	47.1	10.0	12.9	19.0	7.3	1.7	0.30	1.57	0.19	100.0
I9	13.8	46.6	12.7	10.8	16.8	10.9	1.4	0.03	0.70	0.17	100.0
ED	-12.1	48.3	13.7	11.1	11.9	12.0	1.5	0.11	1.34	0.17	99.9
SD	-40.3	47.6	12.1	13.2	12.9	11.2	1.4	0.07	1.44	0.19	100.0
VEY	0.0	46.6	12.4	11.1	18.4	8.9	1.3	0.21	0.76	0.17	99.9
VP1	-1.0	48.2	13.0	11.2	13.9	10.4	1.6	0.16	1.43	0.15	99.9

Table G.2: The primary melt composition for each sample calculated for olivine-melt thermometry where  $\text{Fe}^{3+}/\sum\text{Fe}=0.15$ . All oxides and olivine added are in wt %.

Sample	Olivine added	SiO <sub>2</sub>	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	FeO <sub>T</sub>	MgO	CaO	Na <sub>2</sub> O	K <sub>2</sub> O	TiO <sub>2</sub>	MnO	Total
S1	-21.8	45.6	12.2	10.9	20.0	9.5	1.0	0.05	0.58	0.18	100.0
S2	-43.6	45.8	11.9	11.8	21.2	8.1	0.4	0.13	0.51	0.19	100.0
S3	-12.0	45.5	12.0	10.6	19.9	9.6	1.4	0.14	0.57	0.17	100.0
S5	-25.0	45.6	11.8	11.3	20.9	8.8	0.8	0.09	0.54	0.18	100.0
S6	-44.1	45.4	11.9	12.4	20.1	8.9	0.5	0.07	0.56	0.21	100.0
S7	-20.4	46.1	11.8	11.4	19.1	9.4	1.0	0.14	0.80	0.18	100.0
S8	-15.2	46.2	11.9	11.2	19.3	9.3	1.0	0.13	0.79	0.17	100.0
S9	-5.3	46.0	11.2	10.9	20.9	9.0	0.9	0.28	0.68	0.17	100.0
S10	1.0	45.5	10.8	10.6	22.4	9.1	0.7	0.16	0.59	0.17	100.0
M9	-50.5	44.0	12.3	13.9	17.9	9.0	1.6	0.08	0.98	0.21	100.0
R10	-39.4	42.9	8.8	13.3	26.0	6.7	1.2	0.12	0.80	0.20	100.0
MU1.1	-10.9	45.6	10.9	10.8	21.9	9.0	1.0	0.08	0.59	0.17	100.0
MU1.2	-40.7	45.8	13.5	11.1	17.3	10.2	1.1	0.14	0.59	0.19	100.0
MU2.2	-20.3	45.1	11.5	10.6	21.8	9.1	1.0	0.16	0.54	0.17	100.0
MU3.1	-30.3	45.4	11.1	11.6	21.0	8.7	1.1	0.19	0.62	0.19	100.0
PAD4	4.3	46.6	10.6	10.0	22.0	8.8	1.0	0.03	0.75	0.18	100.0
PAD5	2.1	47.2	11.6	9.7	19.2	10.0	1.2	0.03	0.79	0.18	100.0
PAD6	7.2	47.3	11.4	9.8	19.5	9.6	1.2	0.03	0.80	0.17	100.0
DUR6	10.3	47.5	11.4	9.6	19.7	9.6	1.2	0.04	0.71	0.17	100.0
DUR8	-13.9	46.4	11.5	11.3	18.8	9.6	1.3	0.05	0.85	0.20	100.0
AP04	-23.5	48.3	13.3	9.8	14.9	11.3	1.4	0.04	0.81	0.18	100.0
AP07	-8.2	46.2	9.7	10.4	23.3	8.5	1.1	0.03	0.79	0.18	100.0
138345	-2.7	45.5	10.4	10.6	22.6	8.5	1.1	0.24	0.91	0.18	100.0
340740	3.1	45.1	10.0	10.7	21.8	9.7	1.2	0.06	1.18	0.18	100.0
354754	-0.4	45.9	10.8	11.1	20.7	9.0	1.2	0.17	0.94	0.18	100.0
362077	-15.0	45.1	10.5	11.2	21.2	9.5	1.3	0.04	0.89	0.19	100.0
400230	-0.1	45.9	10.8	11.1	20.8	9.0	1.2	0.17	0.94	0.18	100.0
I2	-36.9	46.3	13.3	10.6	17.0	11.3	1.0	0.01	0.37	0.17	100.0
I3	4.7	48.2	14.0	11.0	12.1	12.4	1.4	0.06	0.71	0.18	100.0
I5	-33.5	45.9	11.3	12.7	16.6	10.5	1.4	0.05	1.41	0.22	100.0
I6	5.3	47.4	10.3	12.8	18.0	7.5	1.8	0.31	1.62	0.20	100.0
I9	10.9	46.8	13.0	10.7	15.9	11.2	1.4	0.04	0.72	0.17	100.0
ED	-14.2	48.8	14.0	10.5	11.1	12.3	1.5	0.11	1.38	0.17	99.9
SD	-43.0	48.3	12.5	12.4	11.9	11.6	1.4	0.07	1.50	0.20	99.9
VEY	-3.0	47.2	12.8	10.5	17.6	9.3	1.4	0.22	0.79	0.17	99.9
VP1	-3.3	48.7	13.4	10.5	13.1	10.7	1.6	0.16	1.48	0.15	99.9

# Appendix H. Al-in-olivine thermometry results

Table H.1: Al-in-olivine thermometry results

Olivine				Spinel				T (°C)	
Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	± (ppm)	Mg#	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr#	K <sub>D</sub>	
S1_30	0.1067	37	91.3	S1_31	25.01	43.40	0.5379	0.00427	1408.9
S1_33	0.1236	37	91.4	S1_34	28.89	39.40	0.4777	0.00428	1424.8
S1_35	0.1285	37	91.4	S1_36	25.86	42.12	0.5222	0.00497	1452.7
S1_38	0.1146	38	91.4	S1_39	27.03	41.37	0.5066	0.00424	1415.3
S1_18	0.1129	73	91.3	S1_40	26.23	41.98	0.5177	0.00430	1416.3
S2_4	0.1366	38	91.1	S2_5	25.61	42.26	0.5254	0.00533	1471.0
S2_6	0.1038	38	91.6	S2_7	30.83	36.32	0.4414	0.00337	1373.8
S3_25	0.1519	38	90.8	S3_26	31.11	36.57	0.4409	0.00488	1469.6
S3_27	0.1138	38	91.8	S3_28	25.77	43.01	0.5282	0.00442	1420.2
S3_29	0.1368	36	91.5	S3_35	24.89	44.20	0.5437	0.00550	1474.2
S3_31	0.1112	38	91.5	S3_32	26.85	41.13	0.5068	0.00414	1409.2
S3_33	0.0958	36	91.4	S3_37	27.16	41.06	0.5036	0.00353	1370.2
S5_33	0.1208	37	91.6	S5_34	25.62	43.05	0.5298	0.00471	1436.8
S5_7	0.111	37	91.5	S5_38	27.03	39.78	0.4968	0.00411	1409.6
S5_44	0.1002	38	91.7	S5_45	25.26	43.60	0.5366	0.00397	1391.0
S5_46	0.1217	37	89.6	S5_47	26.73	39.53	0.4980	0.00455	1435.9
S6_6	0.1191	56	91.9	S6_7	25.58	42.76	0.5286	0.00466	1433.8
S7_5	0.1037	57	89.8	S7_6	28.39	38.11	0.4738	0.00365	1385.9
S7_13	0.0943	56	89.8	S7_14	28.76	37.24	0.4649	0.00328	1361.8
S8_1	0.1024	71	91.0	S8_25	28.47	39.23	0.4804	0.00360	1380.5
S8_26	0.0938	37	90.5	S8_27	28.53	38.37	0.4743	0.00329	1360.2
S8_29	0.1016	37	90.9	S8_30	27.70	39.41	0.4883	0.00367	1383.4

Table H.1: Al-in-olivine thermometry results

Olivine	Spinel						T (°C)	
	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	± (ppm)	Mg#	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr#
S8_31		0.0794	37	91.0	S8_32	25.63	40.52	0.5147
S8_38		0.1256	38	90.5	S8_39	28.87	38.10	0.4695
S9_1		0.0919	38	91.7	S9_3	32.12	34.77	0.4207
S9_6		0.1035	38	91.8	S9_8	24.48	43.29	0.5426
S9_19		0.1151	38	92.0	S9_20	24.67	43.28	0.5406
S10_20		0.1022	38	91.7	S10_21	23.29	44.92	0.5640
S10_22		0.1159	38	91.5	S10_23	23.92	44.04	0.5525
S10_25		0.1261	37	91.4	S10_26	24.08	43.90	0.5502
S10_28		0.0849	38	92.1	S10_29	26.40	41.00	0.5102
S10_31		0.1276	38	92.6	S10_32	24.21	43.86	0.5486
S10_33		0.1037	38	91.7	S10_34	23.93	44.52	0.5552
S10_35		0.1034	38	92.3	S10_36	24.22	44.37	0.5513
S10_37		0.1099	37	92.5	S10_38	24.04	44.39	0.5533
S10_39		0.1076	38	91.8	S10_40	33.20	34.64	0.4117
R10_6		0.0819	56	88.6	R10_8	26.61	32.39	0.4495
M9_1		0.1093	37	92.1	M9_2	21.81	44.98	0.5804
M9_3		0.1199	37	92.1	M9_4	22.59	44.35	0.5684
M9_5		0.12	37	92.6	M9_6	23.59	42.70	0.5484
M9_9		0.1165	37	90.6	M9_10	20.36	42.67	0.5844
M9_13		0.1332	36	92.2	M9_14	21.59	43.46	0.5746
M9_15		0.1104	37	92.3	M9_16	21.56	43.82	0.5769
M9_17		0.1177	36	91.8	M9_18	21.49	44.90	0.5836
M9_21		0.1169	36	92.3	M9_22	21.41	44.40	0.5818
M9_23		0.1147	37	92.2	M9_24	22.34	44.31	0.5709
MU1.1_1		0.0981	37	92.1	MU1.1_3	25.88	43.99	0.5328
MU1.1_9		0.1013	38	92.3	MU1.1_10	24.49	42.30	0.5368
MU1.1_19		0.0795	38	91.6	MU1.1_21	28.31	38.80	0.4790
MU1.1_24		0.0776	38	92.3	MU1.1_26	23.51	40.15	0.5340
MU1.1_27		0.0951	37	92.1	MU1.1_29	25.16	41.98	0.5282
MU1.2_1		0.0874	38	90.3	MU1.2_3	24.61	42.54	0.5369
MU1.2_14		0.0812	37	89.8	MU1.2_16	22.91	41.61	0.5492
								0.00354
								1360.5

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Olivine	Spinel						T (°C)	
	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	± (ppm)	Mg#	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr#
MU1.2_17		0.0921	38	90.3	MU1.2_19	22.62	41.12	0.5494
MU2.2_6		0.0953	37	90.5	MU2.2_8	25.85	42.14	0.5224
MU2.2_19		0.1133	36	93.1	MU2.2_20	26.20	42.56	0.5214
MU2.2_23		0.0968	36	92.3	MU2.2_25	26.27	43.38	0.5256
MU3.1_1		0.1188	38	92.1	MU3.1_3	25.69	41.61	0.5207
MU3.1_8		0.0951	38	89.8	MU3.1_10	26.72	41.12	0.5080
MU3.1_13		0.0953	38	91.8	MU3.1_16	22.54	41.19	0.5508
PAD4_3		0.1023	29	92.5	PAD4_7	21.37	49.32	0.6076
PAD4_5		0.0929	29	91.3	PAD4_8	22.34	47.61	0.5884
PAD5_5_2		0.0988	29	90.6	PAD5_8	20.03	47.01	0.6115
PAD5_3		0.0949	29	92.1	PAD5_9	20.90	49.02	0.6114
PAD5_4		0.1005	29	92.0	PAD5_10	21.08	49.06	0.6096
PAD6_1		0.0924	29	90.2	PAD6_2	22.40	44.93	0.5736
PAD6_8		0.1008	29	90.5	PAD6_9	19.55	49.75	0.6306
PAD6_13		0.044	29	86.2	PAD6_14	19.81	49.66	0.6271
PAD6_15		0.0927	29	87.0	PAD6_16	19.56	46.84	0.6163
APO4_5		0.1074	29	87.8	APO4_8	19.19	45.71	0.6150
APO4_6		0.1002	29	88.0	APO4_9	18.35	48.29	0.6384
APO7_1		0.0959	29	92.6	APO7_7	20.53	49.02	0.6156
APO7_4		0.0992	29	92.6	APO7_8	20.07	50.14	0.6263
DUR6_2		0.0917	29	92.3	DUR6_3	21.68	47.87	0.5970
DUR6_5		0.0519	29	89.6	DUR6_6	17.20	41.64	0.6189
DUR6_7		0.0967	29	90.5	DUR6_8	19.56	47.73	0.6208
DUR8_2		0.0987	29	87.1	DUR8_3	19.97	47.65	0.6155
DUR8_5		0.0617	29	85.5	DUR8_6	22.90	41.40	0.5481
DUR8_7		0.1071	29	89.9	DUR8_8	18.47	50.56	0.6474
138345_1		0.0999	29	92.1	138345_2	19.16	49.22	0.6328
138345_6		0.1063	29	92.8	138345_7	19.48	49.62	0.6308
138345_10		0.0949	29	86.5	138345_11	14.36	48.50	0.6937
340740_1		0.0758	29	89.5	340740_2	20.46	44.01	0.5907
340740_3		0.0921	29	91.2	340740_4	22.06	45.14	0.5785
								0.00417
								1393.4



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Olivine	Spinel						T (°C)	
	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	± (ppm)	Mg#	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr#
	340740_8	0.0697	29	90.3	340740_9	17.25	48.39	0.6531
	340740_11	0.0925	29	91.8	340740_12	19.69	49.11	0.6259
	340740_13	0.098	29	91.5	340740_14	19.38	48.80	0.6281
	354754_4	0.0673	29	86.2	354754_5	15.44	42.11	0.6466
	354754_9	0.0456	29	85.9	354754_10	23.55	34.34	0.4945
	362077_1	0.1235	29	90.0	362077_2	20.80	49.22	0.6135
	362077_3	0.1015	29	89.5	362077_4	20.10	48.23	0.6168
	362077_6	0.1257	29	92.0	362077_7	20.45	48.64	0.6148
	362077_10	0.0816	29	90.1	362077_11	18.34	45.42	0.6242
	400230_1	0.084	30	87.0	400230_2	18.79	45.85	0.6208
	400230_3	0.0959	29	89.1	400230_4	19.46	47.86	0.6227
	400230_7	0.0887	29	86.7	400230_8	19.09	46.38	0.6198
	400230_10	0.0757	29	85.1	400230_11	18.46	44.05	0.6156
	400230_13	0.1054	29	92.0	400230_14	26.29	40.85	0.5104
	400230_16	0.089	29	86.8	400230_17	17.85	47.75	0.6421
	ED_6	0.0467	38	85.1	ED_5	39.71	20.27	0.2551
	ED_13	0.0562	38	85.8	ED_12	35.83	24.82	0.3173
	KoP_4	0.0602	38	88.1	KoP_3	24.31	40.55	0.5281
	KoP_13	0.0591	38	84.5	KoP_14	35.56	23.27	0.3051
	SAU3199_1	0.0469	38	86.1	SAU3199_4	27.88	34.59	0.4543
	SAU3199_2	0.051	38	85.9	SAU3199_3	28.00	33.55	0.4456
	SAU3199_7	0.0503	38	86.4	SAU3199_6	32.10	30.06	0.3858
	SAU3199_12	0.0523	38	86.6	SAU3199_11	30.74	32.36	0.4139
	SD_1	0.0509	38	85.5	SD_2	29.05	31.68	0.4225
	SD_6	0.0527	38	85.6	SD_5	23.62	36.42	0.5084
	SD_10	0.0538	37	85.4	SD_11	28.78	30.81	0.4180
	VEY_12	0.0774	38	90.3	VEY_14	28.24	40.21	0.4886
	VP1a_10	0.0461	38	86.8	VP1a_9	23.27	39.45	0.5321
	VP1a_14	0.0399	38	86.2	VP1a_12	24.48	37.68	0.5080
	VP1a_2	0.0396	38	87.7	VP1b_6	21.89	42.25	0.5643
	I2_2	0.0804	56	89.7	I2_3	29.94	38.33	0.4620
								0.00269
								1315.9

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Olivine	Spinel						T (°C)	
	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	± (ppm)	Mg#	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	K <sub>D</sub>
I2_8		0.0569	57	89.8	I2_10	29.06	39.51	0.00196
I2_20		0.0691	56	89.8	I2_21	29.49	37.59	0.00234
I5_6		0.0678	38	87.3	I5_5	22.57	40.28	0.00300
I5_10		0.0754	37	88.5	I5_11	22.40	41.61	0.00337
I5_23		0.0787	37	88.8	I5_24	23.38	40.58	0.00337
I5_25		0.0677	36	88.4	I5_26	23.64	39.46	0.00286
I5_27		0.0684	37	87.1	I5_28	20.27	42.43	0.00337
I5_30		0.0735	37	89.0	I5_31	21.85	42.37	0.00336
I5_32		0.0872	36	88.5	I5_33	23.50	40.40	0.00371
I5_34		0.0747	37	88.6	I5_35	22.49	41.28	0.00332
I5_39		0.0787	36	89.0	I5_40	21.62	43.03	0.00364
I5_42		0.0699	37	88.6	I5_43	23.88	39.57	0.00293
I5_45		0.0764	36	88.4	I5_46	19.88	44.32	0.00384
I5_8		0.0669	38	89.2	I5_29	22.21	41.96	0.00301
I5_2		0.0578	38	88.7	I5_36	23.08	41.06	0.00250
I5_20		0.0731	37	88.1	I5_41	23.20	39.52	0.00315
I5_13		0.0665	38	88.1	I5_44	24.00	39.13	0.00277
I6_2		0.0669	38	89.7	I6_4	22.35	43.13	0.00299
I9_10		0.0824	38	89.2	I9_11	30.27	36.04	0.00272
I9_3		0.0749	37	90.1	I9_17	30.87	34.87	0.00243
I9_2		0.075	37	88.2	I9_18	31.51	33.56	0.00238
I9_1		0.0674	36	87.5	I9_19	31.48	33.73	0.00214
I9_5		0.102	37	89.5	I9_20	32.00	33.21	0.00319
I9_16		0.0711	36	89.6	I9_23	32.03	35.04	0.00222
I9_24		0.0787	36	88.2	I9_24	30.91	34.48	0.00255
I9_26		0.0851	36	89.8	I9_27	32.33	35.43	0.00263
I9_28		0.0872	37	88.9	I9_29	30.98	35.58	0.00281
I9_30		0.0836	36	88.3	I9_31	30.32	35.78	0.00276
I9_32		0.0419	37	87.7	I9_33	30.62	33.97	0.00137
I9_34		0.0519	37	87.6	I9_35	29.98	34.38	0.00173
I9_36		0.0859	37	88.3	I9_37	30.70	34.00	0.00280
								1333.4

Table H.1: Al-in-olivine thermometry results

Olivine		Spinel					T (°C)	
Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	± (ppm)	Mg#	Data point	Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub> (wt%)	Cr#	K <sub>D</sub>
I9_38	0.0701	36	88.8	I9_39	30.97	34.98	0.4310	0.00226
I9_40	0.0864	37	88.8	I9_41	31.31	34.46	0.4247	0.00276
								1284.7
								1330.5